

Palliative Care, Professional Certificate

Requirements

Admission to the professional Certificate in Palliative Care has been suspended; the program is not accepting students at this time.

The certificate program prepares students to practice as palliative care generalists or champions upon graduation from the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program. Students who complete the certificate will possess the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to serve patients living with serious illnesses across the trajectory of life in a variety of general pharmacy practice environments and non-palliative pharmacy specialties, including critical care, emergency medicine, geriatrics, and cardiology. The program addresses the educational needs of pharmacy students who may provide pharmaceutical care in a community pharmacy setting, a long-term care pharmacy, oncology, cardiology, infectious disease, critical care, transplant, and emergency medicine. The certificate also prepares graduates to pursue advanced postgraduate clinical training in palliative care and hospice, including palliative care residencies and fellowships.

Admission

Students may apply to the certificate program in the fall semester of the second professional year (P2). Accepted students start the longitudinal course, PHAR:8798 Continuing Professional Development in Palliative Care, in the spring semester of the second professional year (P2).

Applicants must be in good academic standing as defined in the Student Handbook and have a College of Pharmacy cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.70 to apply. The Certificate in Palliative Care admission committee reviews all applications holistically.

Admitted students demonstrate preparedness to engage in a challenging certificate curriculum without compromising their success in the PharmD program and an understanding of what palliative care is and of the program's requirements.