

Graduate Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Maggie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Grand Valley's Interprofessional Palliative and Hospice Care Certificate. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. The Interprofessional Palliative and Hospice Care Certificate is a post-baccalaureate certificate that prepares individuals interested in palliative and hospice care with a deep understanding of the personal, professional and societal perspectives of delivering care to patients facing life-limiting disease, terminal illness and death, and become champions for the delivery of exceptional interprofessional care. This 12-credit program completed in four classes is delivered in a hybrid format consisting of in-seat and online classes taught by an experienced interprofessional team of palliative and hospice care faculty and clinicians.

Standard Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended Grand Valley previously or are currently attending Grand Valley.

Additional admission requirements, program details and the online application can be found on the Kirkhof College of Nursing website, www.gvsu.edu/kcon, under the Programs tab.

The great news about Grand Valley's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at www.gvsu.edu/financialaid or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu.

Students who choose to take the Interprofessional Palliative and Hospice Care Certificate can expect to learn from interdisciplinary faculty who are experienced hospice and palliative care practitioners. In this certificate program students will contrast interdisciplinary philosophy and delivery of palliative and hospice care with existing traditional medical models and incorporate behaviors that acknowledge grieving and loss into routine care planning for individuals seeking palliative and hospice care. An interdisciplinary framework is used to teach students advanced techniques to support and develop a plans of care for individuals who require palliative and/or hospice care. Additional skills are developed in understanding common types of pain and pain syndromes that contribute to symptom burden in individuals with life-limiting illness.

That is just a snapshot of the Interprofessional Palliative and Hospice Care Certificate at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying. Any questions can be directed to the Program Director Kristen Norton, at 616-331-5637 or nortonkr@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.