



TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

To create a forum in which experiences, resources and best practices for spiritual care professionals working in palliative and bereavement care can be shared, discussed, evaluated and disseminated.

GOALS

1. Share experiences and resources with supportive peers working in palliative and bereavement care through
 - 1.1. Presentations
 - 1.2. Articles
2. Foster educational innovation and advocacy in the provision of spiritual care in palliative and bereavement care
 - 2.1 Encourage isolated uncertified professionals to complete the requirements for certification as a spiritual care professional
 - 2.2 Provide consultation as requested by CASC Executive Director related to collaboration with palliative care partner organizations
 - 2.3 Facilitate interprofessional networking with groups of other national and provincial professional associations
3. Discuss:
 - 3.1. Competencies for spiritual care professionals specializing in palliative and bereavement care
 - 3.2. Requirements for advanced certification as a spiritual care professional, such as a university course
 - 3.3. Costs associated with advanced certification
 - 3.4. Make recommendations to CASC/ACSS Professional Practice Commission about advanced certification
4. Define best practices:
 - 4.1. Develop a bibliography of resources for each of the twelve domains
 - 4.2. International consultation, e.g., Ireland, United States, United Kingdom, Germany
 - 4.3. Interprofessional consultation with other professionals on palliative care teams to articulate the required knowledge and skills for each of the twelve domains
 - 4.4. Suggest curriculum for a prerequisite course



PALLIATIVE AND BEREAVEMENT CARE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

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MEMBERS

- Members of CASC
- Co-chair duties: chair meetings and prepare agenda
- Secretary: take meeting notes, schedule meetings, and invite members to meetings

SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIPS

- Professional Practice Commission of CASC/ACSS
- Educational Standards Commission

MEETINGS

- Monthly, or at the call of the Co-Chairs

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- Meeting dates will be monthly
- Decisions are made by consensus
- Members expect to encounter at least one new learning from each meeting
- Members contribute regularly to the community
- Format of meetings: 50% of time spent on support and resources and 50% on advanced competencies
- Chair/Co-Chairs are appointed on a rotating basis from within the Community of Practice by its members
- Items for sharing and discussion will be forwarded to the Chair(s) for circulation in an agenda before the meeting
- An index of members identifying their areas of knowledge and experience will be developed
- Privacy and confidentiality are maintained within the community
- Views expressed are those of individual practitioner members
- Shared documents will be stored in the Virtual Palliative and Bereavement Care Community of Practice group found on the Members side of the CASC/ACSS website

