Interprofessional Spiritual Care Education Curriculum (ISPEC)

Request for Applications

Application Deadline:
March 1, 2019

Interprofessional Train-the-Trainer Spiritual Care Education Curriculum (ISPEC)

July 9-11, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii
Purpose:

Empirical evidence, patient and family experience, and theoretical frameworks support the critical role spirituality and spiritual care plays in the care of patients, particularly those with chronic and serious illness. Health care providers also recognized the growing need of spiritual care but identify lack of training as the main barrier. To bridge this gap, The George Washington Institute for spirituality and health (GWish), in partnership with City of Hope, the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE), and Fetzer Institute developed a global Spiritual care training program entitled “Interprofessional Spiritual Care Education Curriculum (ISPEC)”.

ISPEC is a national and international multiyear, outcomes-based, education initiative whose mission is to improve spiritual care for patients with serious and chronic illness both within the United States and internationally. The goal of the ISPEC project is to build collaborative partnership between clinicians and spiritual care professionals in advancing interprofessional spiritual care. ISPEC trains participants to take a leadership role in their individual institutions, share information with others, engage colleagues to take our on-line ISPEC course, and impact the quality of care by integrating spiritual care as an important element of care.

This training program consists of an innovative hybrid of online resources and Train-the-Trainer program and will prepare both clinicians and chaplains to identify and address patients’ spiritual needs and provide resources as an integral part of their practice.

The selected teams will participate in a 2.5-day training program that will include lectures, case study reviews, discussions, and lab sessions. Participants will receive post-course mentoring from leading faculty and all participants will be followed at 3, 6, and 12 months post-course to monitor and support their progress. The next ISPEC training program will be held on July 9-11, 2019 at Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Details:

There will only be 60 participants (30 pairs) selected for this training program through a competitive application review process. Selected participants are eligible for discounted fee of $390 per participants ($780 per team) for the 2.5-day ISPEC Train-the-Trainer program and free, unlimited, one-year access to the ISPEC online course for their entire organization ($1,560 value).

The registration fee also includes 16.75 continuing education credits, 400+ pages course syllabus and resources, continental breakfast each morning, lunch, and morning and afternoon breaks.

*Travel cost (airfare, mileage) and accommodation will not be covered.*

Location: Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Dr, Honolulu, Hawaii
Eligibility Criteria:

- Clinicians from different professions (Medicine, Nursing, Social work, Psychology, Physical therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant, etc.) who work with patients with chronic and serious diseases are eligible to apply.
- Each organization’s team should include one clinician and one chaplain. Pairs of clinicians/chaplains from Pediatrics and Geriatrics departments are also welcome to apply.

Online Application Components:

1. Demographic data questionnaire for each individual team member
2. Background information on the institution and the applicants
3. Narrative from the proposed attendees summarizing their plan for implementing the course material and integrating spiritual care at their institutes.
4. Three realistic and practical goals that participants will achieve to improve spiritual care in your institution after attending the course.
5. Letter of support from the institution’s administrator/supervisor. Letter of support should demonstrate the organization’s commitment to; foster change in clinical care and facilitate the implementation of ISPEC training programs following completion of the course.

All team applications are due by March 1, 2019

Application Evaluation Criteria

Each ISPEC application will be evaluated based on the following criteria;

1. Qualifications of the participants
2. Institutional commitment based on the letter of support.
3. Institutional goals related to integrating spiritual care
4. Projected impact of the proposed project on patient care and culture change.

*Application packets will be reviewed by the Selection Committee comprised of; Co-PIs, Project Director, and Project Managers. ISPEC application review will focus on team member interest, institutional commitment, proposed training program at their institutes, and attributes related to meeting the spiritual care needs of ethnically and culturally diverse patient populations.
Post ISPEC Training:

Each team of representatives will commit to train at least 20 people at their institution within 12 months after the Train-the-Trainer program and integrate the online curriculum in their clinical sites. Participating institutes have unlimited free access to the online course for one year. This will allow them to train other healthcare providers.

Application:

All applications must be sent electronically by the designated deadline, 03/1/2019. To access the online application, please click here:

All additional information about this project is available via our website: [https://smhs.gwu.edu/gwish/events/interprofessional-train-trainer-spiritual-care-education-curriculum-ispec](https://smhs.gwu.edu/gwish/events/interprofessional-train-trainer-spiritual-care-education-curriculum-ispec)

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