

Montefiore Medical Center Palliative Care Social Work Fellowship Program

The Montefiore Palliative Care Service is operated by the Department of Family & Social Medicine. Palliative care is the comprehensive care of patients with advanced and often incurable medical illnesses. Its goal is to relieve physical, emotional and spiritual suffering while preserving the psychosocial and physical functioning of the patient and family unit to the fullest extent possible.

The Palliative Care Service is a vibrant, interprofessional service dedicated to providing comprehensive care to patients with advanced chronic and life-limiting illness. The Service provides coordinated care on both a consultative and primary care basis across three inpatient settings and outpatient clinics. The Palliative Care Service works with patients and families to relieve symptoms, enhance quality of life, provide emotional and spiritual support, and assist with advance care planning. The Service has operated as an interdisciplinary team to address the full range of needs of patients, families, and caregivers since 2000.

The physician fellowship program in Hospice and Palliative Medicine began in July, 2004. The clinical social work fellowship will run concurrently with the palliative medicine fellowship.

FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Palliative Care Social Work Fellowship is a one-year, full-time position from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The goal of the Fellowship is to develop specialty trained palliative care social workers who will contribute to the care of seriously ill older adults in underserved communities in New York City and become future leaders in this field.

As part of a large academic medical center, the Montefiore Palliative Care Service offers a rich environment for learning. Medical students, residents and fellows from other specialties rotate with the Palliative Care Service, as well as advanced practice nursing, social work and chaplain students.

The Fellowship includes rotations at various sites within Montefiore, including the Palliative Care Inpatient Unit, the Moses, Einstein and Wakefield Hospitals, and the outpatient Oncology and Palliative Care Clinics. If the Fellow identifies another particular area of interest, there may be an opportunity for an elective rotation. The Hospice and Palliative Medicine Program Faculty will provide ongoing supervision and mentoring in clinical and other components of the Fellowship program. Social work specific training and mentoring is provided by experienced specialist social workers at all sites.

The Fellowship provides extensive educational opportunities including weekly didactics, interdisciplinary team meetings, journal club, research/quality improvement meetings, complex case discussions, psychosocial oncology rounds, roundtable discussions and grand

rounds. The Fellow will have the opportunity to attend local palliative care conferences, as well as continuing education classes at Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service.

The Fellow will participate in a research/quality improvement project with mentoring from Dr. Cathy Berkman from Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service. The Fellow will also conduct training on generalist-level palliative care within Montefiore Health System and to local community organizations.

The position includes a stipend and benefits. The Palliative Care Social Work Fellowship is generously funded by the Fan Fox and Leslie R. Samuels Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the Montefiore Palliative Care Social Work Fellowship must:

1. have an MSW degree from a CSWE-accredited program;
2. hold a NYS social work license, or limited permit, by the start of the Fellowship;
3. demonstrate a strong commitment to a career in palliative care social work and to serving the population of older adults in New York City after completion of the Fellowship;
4. be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should submit all of the following by March 31, 2018:

1. Email the completed application as a Word document
 - a. The Fellowship application is below.
 - b. Save as: Lastname – PC Fellowship Application
 - c. Type your responses in the application.
2. Email a current resume as a Word or PDF document named: Last name – Resume. Your resume should include in this order:
 - a. Education, including:
 - i. Degrees earned
 - ii. Education or training in palliative or end-of-life care or closely related practice areas
 - b. Clinical experience, including internships as part of MSW program
 - c. Research experience, if any
 - d. Publications
 - e. Honors and awards
3. Email a PDF document with a copy of your NYS social work license or limited permit.
4. Request an official MSW program transcript be sent directly from your university.

5. If you have an electronic signature, insert that on the signature page. If not, print the signature page, sign it, and mail it to the address below and also include the signature page in the emailed Word application (without your signature).

For further information on the Fellowship, please contact:

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Fellowship Director

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Palliative Care Social Work Fellowship Program Application

Name (First, Last):

Current Residential Address:

Current Mailing Address (if different):

Permanent Mailing Address (if different):

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

Preferred Email Address:

Languages Read/Spoken Fluently (indicate if only read or only spoken):

Professional Licenses Held and Year Attained:

References: Provide the information below for three references. At least two of the references should be from clinical supervisors. It is preferred that at least one be from an interdisciplinary team member with whom you have worked.

Obtain the permission of each person providing a reference and inform them that Carolyn Genereux, Fellowship Director, will contact them.

By providing these names you waive any rights to see the reference provided. The person providing the reference will be informed that their reference will be confidential and viewed only by staff at Montefiore.

REFERENCE #1

1. Name:
2. Current Title:
3. Current Work Agency and Address:
4. Email address:
5. Phone number (indicate whether work or cell phone):
6. Relationship to you:

REFERENCE #2

1. Name:
2. Current Title:
3. Current Work Agency and Address:
4. Email address:
5. Phone number (indicate whether work or cell phone):
6. Relationship to you:

REFERENCE #3

1. Name:
2. Current Title:
3. Current Work Agency and Address:
4. Email address:
5. Phone number (indicate whether work or cell phone):
6. Relationship to you:

1. Are you authorized to work lawfully in the United States?

___ Yes ___ No

2. Will you now or in the future require visa sponsorship for employment in the United States?

___ Yes ___ No

In compliance with federal law, all persons selected for the Palliative Care Social Work Fellowship will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification form upon hire.

I declare that the information contained in this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that Montefiore Medical Center may request additional information from any of the institutions I have named above regarding my candidacy. I understand that misrepresentation of facts in this application process will be cause for rejection of the application or termination after training begins.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please write a double-spaced statement retaining the 1" margins beginning on this page. The statement should describe your experience and interest in palliative care, your reason(s) for applying for the Fellowship, your learning goals, any special interests you hope to pursue during the Fellowship, and your future plans and goals for using the knowledge and experience gained from the Fellowship. The statement should also discuss your connections to NYC and your commitment to remain in NYC after the completion of the Fellowship. The maximum length of the statement is three pages.