ACHPN Certification Review Course—Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (P07)

Objectives

1. Describe a comprehensive problem focused on physical, emotional, social, cultural, and spiritual assessments of patients and families experiencing advanced illness.
2. Recognize evidence-based practice standards and expected outcomes in hospice and palliative care.
3. Discuss ethical principles in the care of patients with advanced illness.
4. Identify strategies to initiate and develop palliative care programs across healthcare settings to promote continuity of care and integrated palliative care services.
5. Review physical and psychological symptoms associated with advanced illness and discuss pharmacological and nonpharmacological interventions.
6. Use educational methods consistent with patients’ and families’ preferred mode of learning to promote understanding of serious or life-threatening illness, treatment options, management, and supportive resources.

The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) supports nurses seeking advancement of their professional development and career with specialty certification. This 1-day course encompasses the fundamental concepts of palliative nursing. The review course will provide a review of the content areas based on the NBCHPN® detailed test content outline. This course may be used to increase the hospice and palliative nurse’s knowledge of general palliative nursing or to assist the nurse in identifying topics that require further preparation and study in advance of sitting for the specialty certification examination. Note: Participation in a review course does not guarantee successful completion of a certification test.

Required materials

1. Core Curriculum for the Advanced Practice Nurse (order from the HPNA Specialty Shoppe)
2. ACHPN® Candidate Handbook (print free from the NBCHPN® website)