

Level	Courses
Level 1 Palliative Care Approach	1. ELNEC (AIC) 2. Certificate in Palliative Nursing (AIC) 3. Specialist Diploma in Palliative Care Nursing (Ngee Ann Polytechnic)
Level 2 General Palliative Care	1. Advanced Diploma In Nursing (Palliative Care) (Nanyang Polytechnic)
Level 3 Specialist Palliative Care	1. Master of Science (Palliative Care) University, Melbourne) 2. PhD

3. Are there any online resources available for my information when caring for a palliative care patient?

<https://www.duke-nus.edu.sg/lcpc/resources/sg-pall-ebook-disclaimer>
<https://www.dyingmatters.org/overview/need-support>

Working in Palliative Care

1. What are the job opportunities in palliative care?

For medical officers / residents; one may apply through MOPEX or residency electives through MOHH
 For positions as volunteer doctors, resident physicians and others, please refer to the respective platforms and various recruitment

2. What qualifications do healthcare professionals need to provide Palliative Care?

For general palliative care

Doctors: Postgraduate course (GDPM, SHC postgrad course / APHN Diploma (Flinders) or Staff Registrar Scheme Diploma (SRS)
 Nurses: Introduction to Palliative Care Nursing Course / Certificate in Basic Palliative Care (RN) / ELNEC for nursing / Palliative Care Course for Community Nurses (LCPC)



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- Social Workers: Certificate in Basic Palliative Care / Basic Palliative Care Course for Social Workers (PCCSW)

For specialist Palliative Care Appropriately credentialed and certified by Professional training registered or recognised by Professional Organizations / Boards of Specialist Training.

- Palliative Care Medical Specialist: Singapore Medical Council (SMC) registered and Specialist Accreditation Board (SAB) accredited specialist training in Palliative Medicine.
- Palliative Care trained nurse: Nurse with Advanced Diploma in Palliative Care or its equivalent training by an accredited training institution. Specialist Palliative Care Nurse: Nurse recognised as specialist by their credential of a Masters or PhD from an accredited training institution.
- Social Worker: Degree in social work or post-graduate diploma in social work with Basic Palliative Care Course for Social Workers (PCCSW) or equivalent.

Volunteering in Palliative Care

1. How can I volunteer in a palliative care service?

Please approach the respective institutions to find out more about volunteering.

ABOUT ACP, LPA, AMD

1. What is Advance Care Planning?

Advance Care Planning (ACP) is the process of planning for your patients' future health and personal care. Having ACP conversations with their loved ones allows them to:

- Share their personal values and beliefs
- Explore how their values and beliefs affect their healthcare preferences in difficult medical situations
- Think about who among their loved ones can be their voice if they become very ill one day

2. Where can one find ACP facilitators?

Please refer to <https://singaporehospice.org.sg/acp-directory/>



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3. What is a Lasting Power of Attorney?

The Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is a legal document which allows a person who is at least 21 years of age ('*donor*'), to voluntarily appoint one or more persons ('*donee(s)*') to make decisions and act on his behalf should he lose mental capacity one day. A donee can be appointed to act in the two broad areas of personal welfare and property & affairs matters.

4. Where can one find a certificate issuer for the LPA?

Please refer to <https://www.msf.gov.sg/opg/Pages/The-LPA-Where-to-find-a-Certificate-Issuer.aspx>

5. What is an Advance Medical Directive?

An Advance Medical Directive (AMD) is a legal document that your patient signs in advance to inform the doctor treating him / her (in the event he / she becomes terminally ill and unconscious) that he / she does not want any extraordinary life-sustaining treatment to be used to prolong his / her life.

6. How much does it cost to do an AMD?

To do an AMD, your patient will have to consult a doctor who, as a witness, is required to explain the AMD to him / her. He / she may have to pay the doctor for the service rendered. However, the AMD form itself is free.

7. Where can one direct patients to do an AMD?

Please refer to <https://www.moh.gov.sg/policies-and-legislation/advance-medical-directive>



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