

Healthcare providers working in community settings in Ontario may be eligible for complimentary online person-centered decision making or palliative care education offered by Hospice Palliative Care Ontario (HPCO). A limited number of spaces are available for Ontario-based providers or administrators to complete education programs between December 5, 2024 and March 31, 2025. An Expression of Interest must be received and approved prior to beginning the education to qualify for complimentary tuition.

Available courses: [Person-Centred Decision Making](#) and [Palliative Care Education for Personal Support Workers \(PACE for PSWs\)](#).

Person-Centred Decision Making (PCDM)

The PCDM curriculum develops competency on Health Care Consent, Advance Care Planning, and Goals of Care conversations. Learners will move beyond advancing their knowledge and attitudes to develop clinical skills. This online program can be completed asynchronously in approximately 8 hours. Ontario-based clinicians and administrators are eligible to apply. Available in English.

Complete an Expression of Interest for PCDM:

<https://forms.office.com/r/pzz9yYpPxn>



Palliative Care Education for Personal Support Workers

PACE for PSWs is an online, comprehensive 10 course national certificate program offered in partnership with HPCO, Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association and Life and Death Matters. The PACE program can be completed asynchronously in approximately 30 hours and is available in English and French.

What PACE graduates are saying?

Graduates of the PACE for PSWs program report increased confidence and comfort in their abilities to provide palliative care and integrate a palliative approach.

Of PACE graduates working in long-term care and hospice:

- 96% indicated that the course **improved their knowledge of palliative care** as it relates to their role.
- 98% indicated that they would **recommend the program** to their colleagues.

Funding to support **backfill costs** may be available to organizations when their PSWs complete and pass the full 10-course PACE for PSWs program by March 31, 2025. Backfill must be applied for at the same time as the complimentary tuition.

Complete an Expression of Interest for PACE: <https://forms.office.com/r/4qkTg1TYQ9>