

PALLIATIVE AND HOSPICE CARE SPECIALIST

Palliative Care is specialized medical care for people living with a serious illness like cancer, congestive heart failure, alzheimer's and so on. This type of care is focused on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of the illness. The goal is to improve quality of life for both the patient and the family. Palliative care physicians are trained to help people manage the physical and social emotional needs.



PERSONAL COMPETENCIES

- You have a strong desire to help and care for people
- You are comfortable in communicating with others
- You pay attention to details
- You like to analyse problems/ situations



The approx. course fee ranges between **INR 5,000 - 12,00,000*** for the full course

**These figures are estimated numbers and will vary from Institute to Institute.*

SCHOLARSHIPS

• National Scholarship Portal - Visit www.scholarships.gov.in. Under this portal there are Central Government schemes, UGC/AICTE Schemes and Assam Government Schemes offered by different departments*

• Visit www.buddy4study.com for details on available scholarships. This is a gateway to scholarships starting from Class XI*

• Scholarships are also available in the Institutes based on merit*

*(Availability of these scholarships can vary from time to time)

LOANS

• VidyaLakshmi, www.vidyalakshmi.co.in, is a portal for students seeking education loan. This portal has been developed under the guidance of the Department of Financial Services, (Ministry of Finance), Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) and Indian Banks Association (IBA).

• Some states have student credit cards with low interest rates, for instance, West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, etc.

• All banks give education loans.



ENTRY PATHWAY

1. Complete 10+2 in the Science stream (Physics, Chemistry and Biology)
2. Complete a Bachelor's degree (M.B.B.S.)
OR
Complete a Bachelor's degree followed by a Master's degree (M.D.) in Palliative Medicine
OR
Pursue a Diplomate in National Board (D.N.B.) in Palliative Medicine (which is a 3-year onsite supervised training program offered at NBE accredited medical colleges/ institutions/hospitals in India)

For admissions, you must clear entrance exams such as NEET conducted by NTA, NEET PG conducted by NBE, NEET MDS conducted by NBE, AIAPGET conducted by NTA and so on

Please check the duration of the course during enrolment



EXPECTED INCOME

**The figures are indicative & subject to change*

The approx. salary of a Palliative and Hospice Care Specialist ranges between **INR 15,000 - 1,00,000*** and more per month.

Source - https://www.payscale.com/research/IN/Skill=Hospice_Care/Salary

WHERE WILL YOU WORK?

Places of Work: In-patient palliative care unit, Hospice, Community palliative care service (home based palliative care), Outpatient palliative care unit, Day palliative care unit.

Work Environment: You are likely to work full time in a healthcare setting like a hospice center or hospital. You may have to travel to patients' homes to provide direct care to terminally ill patients who choose to stay at home. Full-time shifts can be anywhere from 8 to 12 hours long, depending on the setting and the specific duties. You are expected to work with a team of other healthcare professionals.

Opportunities for work exist for differently abled in this field

EXPECTED GROWTH PATH

Intern → Junior Physician, Palliative Care → Physician, Palliative Care → Senior Physician, Palliative Care → Head of the Department → Medical Director/Superintendent

Search keywords...



palliative care doctor, palliative medicine, hospice nurse

WHERE WILL YOU STUDY?

The course is offered by the Department of Palliative Medicine. This list of institutes is indicative only.

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

1. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi
2. Dr Bhubaneswar Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI), Guwahati
3. State Cancer Institute, Guwahati
4. Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Naharlagun, AP
5. Gujarat Cancer & Research Institute, Ahmedabad
6. Sawai Man Singh Medical College, Jaipur
7. The Gujarat Cancer and Research Institute, Ahmedabad

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

(Please check if Institute is affiliated and accredited with UGC and MCI before applying)

1. Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai
2. Cachar Cancer Hospital, Silchar
3. Kasturba Medical College, Manipal
4. Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Hospital, Jaipur
5. Adyar Hospital, Chennai
6. Aster CMI Hospital, Bengaluru
7. Basavarakam Indo American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, Hyderabad

Information on Institute rankings is available at - <https://www.nirfindia.org/2022/Ranking.html>



EXAMPLE FROM THE FIELD

Dr. Pankaj Singhai completed his MD Palliative Medicine training from Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, and currently working at Sri Aurobindo University, Indore. He is also the national faculty of the Indian Association of Palliative Care and is associated with various training programs.*

Source - https://ehospice.com/india_posts/palliative-care-in-sickle-cell-disease

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