The George Washington Institute for Spirituality & Health

Interprofessional Spiritual Care Education Curriculum (ISPEC©)
July 7 & 8, 2022 [Virtual]

WHAT IS ISPEC©?

The ISPEC© training course offers a unique opportunity for clinicians and chaplains from the same health setting to learn how to integrate spiritual care into patient care throughout their organization.

Facilitated by global leaders in the field of interprofessional spiritual care, a one-year mentorship is included in your registration to help you integrate spiritual care into your everyday practice and share what you've learned with your colleagues.

Enhance your leadership skills by learning how to educate, empower, and guide others to help integrate spiritual care into your health setting.

WHO IS ISPEC© FOR?

ISPEC© offers spiritual care training to clinicians from diverse professional backgrounds (e.g. MD, RN, NP, PA, Social work, Psychologists, PT/OT/ST).

Chaplains/spiritual care professionals also participate to establish ongoing partnerships with clinician teammates for the purpose of teaching spiritual care skills to others in the organization.

We strongly encourage clinician-chaplain pairs to attend together to help integrate your new skills into your clinical setting.

For Clinicians: Learn how to skillfully integrate spiritual care into your clinical practice and get the tools you need to teach your colleagues to do the same.

For Chaplains: Work together with your clinician partner to teach and bring spiritual care to multiple touchpoints across your organization, so the ability to recognize and address spiritual distress becomes a standard part of patient care.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *We realize that not all settings have board certified chaplains. On a case-by-case basis, we will consider applicants who apply without a partner, but their goals must include a plan to return to their organization and collaborate with others. For exceptions, please contact Cherron Gardner Thomas at gwish@gwu.edu.*

LEARN MORE & APPLY

We are grateful to The John Templeton Foundation for their generous support of ISPEC 2022 and our ability to offer significantly reduced course fees. A limited number of scholarships are also available.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT THIS YEAR?

Offered since 2018, we are now taking ISPEC to new heights, thanks to the generosity of The John Templeton Foundation. This year, all ISPEC students will be part of a grant-funded project to advance the field of interprofessional spiritual care by participating in post-course mentorship, providing feedback, and sharing outcomes.

Your participation will make a difference not just for your own practice, but for developing new clinical models and expanding the field of spiritual care. We invite you to join the movement to make spiritual care a standard of care throughout entire health systems.

2022 ISPEC© FACULTY

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WHAT'S IN THE COURSE?

The two-day ISPEC© course is delivered through lecture, case study reviews, panel discussions, and small groups/role-playing sessions that cover the following topics*:

- Guidelines and models
- Spiritual Distress
- Compassionate Presence
- Communication about Spiritual Issues and Spiritual Assessment
- Whole Person Assessment and Treatment Plan
- Ethics and Professional Development
- Skills to teach others

PLEASE NOTE: The July 7&8, 2022 ISPEC© course is being held virtually

CE CREDITS

CE credits will be offered to physicians, PAs, nurses, and pharmacists. All others may submit their Certificate of Completion to their respective accrediting bodies for consideration.

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