

Hi, this is Dr. Lynn McPherson. I'm a Professor and Executive Director of Advanced Post-Graduate Education in Palliative Care at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. I am also the Program Director of a very exciting new educational opportunity, an online Master of Science degree and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care. Here's the 411 about this program - the "who, what, where, why, when and how."

Starting with "who," let's look at the left hand column. It might be easier to say, "who's not a good candidate for this program?" The hospice and palliative care certainly is a team and the whole team is invited to the table.

As you can see from the right hand column, "what," of course we're talking about the Master of Science degree and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care. You can earn up to two graduate certificates from five possibilities, while earning your Master of Science Degree.

"Where?" Well pretty much anywhere! This program is 100% completely, totally online, there's no need to go anywhere at any time during this degree. We say if you'd like to come to Maryland, you're certainly welcome to and I'll buy you a crab cake, but it's not a requirement.

"Why?" Why should you do this? We're all busy adults, to learn more about hospice and palliative care. If you're already practicing in the field, to gain a deeper appreciation, perhaps to branch out a bit, learn a little bit more clinical, more Psychosocial/Spiritual, more administrative skills. And if you're currently not practicing in this field, this is an excellent opportunity to develop that skillset. Also, candidates who complete this degree will be prepared for any certification exam in the hospice and palliative care field.

"When?" Now! Now is the time. The deadline for Spring 2017 is February 1. The deadline for Fall 2017 is June 30.

And "how?" That's the beauty of this, it's all asynchronous learning. You work when and where it suits your schedule. Of course each course has deadlines. But how you get it done and where you get it done, is completely up to you.

I hope this very brief video has given you a taste of what is included in this program. I urge you to go to our website, [graduate.umaryland.edu/palliative](http://graduate.umaryland.edu/palliative) and click on the tab that says curriculum. I hope to work with you in the future. Thank you!