

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

The student will:

- Become familiar with the emotional, psychological and spiritual responses to the dying and their need to have important conversations that will hopefully empower both the dying and the grieving with choices that will meet their personal needs.
- Learn how to confidently care for the dying and the grieving by listening to their sacred needs, so as to not be afraid of empowering conversation, and offer support and reassurance.
- Learn how to effectively and sensitively respond to individuals who are near End of Life and those touched by their death.
- Become familiar with various healing therapies that can be utilized in a community setting.
- Learn how to meet the needs of the bereaved in their faith community.

## LOCATION & DATES

The program will be held  
Mondays, April 28, 2014 to June 23, 2014  
In the Research Studies Center  
Gaylord Cary Meeting Rooms  
Roswell Park Cancer Institute  
Elm and Carlton Streets • Buffalo, NY  
(Enter Building from Carlton Street)

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fee in the hospital ramp.  
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CONVERSATIONS THAT  
NEED TO HAPPEN  
JOURNEYING WITH THE  
DYING AND THE BEREAVED

An Eight-Week Course on Ministry  
to the Dying and Bereaved

Roswell Park Cancer Institute  
Monday Evenings • 6 pm-7:30 pm  
April 28, 2014 to June 23, 2014

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

*“I also grew up at a time when you didn’t talk about it. I’d think, I know somebody just died, but nobody’s talking about it, so I better not talk about it either. Even though I know the whole world was talking about it.”*

– Maria Shriver

Every person’s question deserves to be honored. Questions are not only important for the answers, but questions and conversations are also ways to ponder the great mystery of life that most people want to dodge: Death and Grieving. We as health care professionals and members of faith communities have been entrusted to be the light of hope in the darkness, and bear witness to the struggles of the dying and the grieving. We are called not only to the ministry of presence/listening, but are also called to engage in *Conversations That Need to Happen*.

In this 8-week course we will explore topics that are meaningful, sacred, and empowering. This 8 week course is designed for people who want the theoretical and more importantly, the practical tools to make a difference in the dying and grieving population.

## EIGHT-WEEK COURSE

### WEEK 1: Monday, April 28th

**You Have Six Months to Live,  
Get Your Affairs in Order**  
Kelly Clem, RN, MS

*Director of Patient Advocacy and Education  
Center for Hospice and Palliative Care*

### WEEK 2: Monday, May 5th

**Someone, Please have a Honest Conversation  
With Me – Be Kind, Be Compassionate,  
I am Afraid**

*Kathleen Shanahan, PhD  
Director of Clinical Training  
Department of Graduate  
Counseling and Psychology  
Medaille College*

## EIGHT-WEEK COURSE (CON’T)

### WEEK 3: Monday, May 12th

**My Good Friend Has Cancer – I am Lost, I Do  
Not Know What to Say, What to Do**  
Hana Choi, PhD  
Clinical Psychologist  
Roswell Park Cancer Institute

### WEEK 4: Monday, May 19th

**I Keep Praying, But the Miracle is Not  
Happening. Where is God?**  
Nancy Feary, MDIV, BCC  
Catholic Health System  
Kenmore Mercy Hospital

### WEEK 5: Monday, June 2nd

**I Need a New Routine. Who Am I Now?**  
Kathy Skipper, RN BS  
Bereavement Ministry  
St. Christopher Church, Tonawanda, NY  
Western New York Perinatal Bereavement Network

### WEEK 6: Monday, June 9th

**It Has Been Almost a Year Since My Loved One  
Died and I Feel Worse. Why?**  
Charles Schmidtke, PhD  
Grief Support Ministry  
Trinity Old Lutheran

### WEEK 7: Monday, June 16th

**I Wish Someone Could Make Me Feel Better –  
Holistic Approach to Self Care**  
Kathleen Frank, BA  
Life Transitions Facilitator and Aid  
Bach Remedy Coach  
  
Kathy Stilwell  
Holistic Coach and EFT Practitioner  
Awakenings Institute

### WEEK 8: Monday, June 23rd

**How Can We Help Grieving Families In Faith  
Congregations. What Would Bring Those in  
Need Some Peace and Comfort?**  
Mary Ann Bartels, MAPA  
Chaplain/Bereavement Consultant  
Program Coordinator

## REGISTRATION FORM

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NAME

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ADDRESS

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CITY

STATE

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PHONE

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INSTITUTION/CHURCH AFFILIATION

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POSITION  Salaried  Volunteer

### REGISTRANTS WITH DISABILITY:

If you have a disability, please describe any auxiliary aids or services you may need (identified in the Americans With Disabilities Act). Please notify us by April 19, 2014.

### NEEDED AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES:

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REGISTRATION FEE: \$60.00 (due by April 18, 2014)  
Program Capacity: 100 participants

Please make checks payable to PASTORAL CARE/ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE and mail to:  
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CANCELLATION POLICY: \$30.00 cancellation fee will be applied to all cancellations after April 18, 2014

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