

## Division of Palliative Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto Department of Supportive Care, University Health Network

### Palliative Medicine Clinical Fellowship

The Division of Palliative Medicine at the University of Toronto and the Department of Supportive Care at the University Health Network (UHN), Canada's largest hospital, invite Canadian and international applications for a one-year Clinical Fellowship in Palliative Care, starting in **July, 2025**.

The purpose of the fellowship is to train physicians to be competent in practicing palliative care at a consultant level. Fellows will have outstanding clinical experience and will work in different palliative care practice settings in UHN such as community and tertiary palliative care units, inpatient palliative care consultation service, residential hospice, and outpatient palliative care clinics. Fellows will learn about palliative care for patients and families at diagnosis, during active treatment, in the event of acute medical issues, after completing treatment, and at end-of-life. Fellows will have the opportunity to observe and perform palliative consultations with supervision to aid in developing diagnostic and formulation skills, and will receive ongoing clinical supervision. During the training, fellows will provide palliative care for a wide spectrum of patients with malignant and non-malignant illnesses. There is also the opportunity to tailor training to individual learning goals.

Clinical fellows will complete a scholarly project during their training and will participate in an inter-disciplinary academic environment with ample opportunity for feedback and presentation at local rounds, including Pain and Symptom Management Rounds and Departmental Grand Rounds as well as research and leadership opportunities, including junior attending roles and committee participation.

### Eligibility

Eligible applicant must

- have a medical degree
- have completed specialty training in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, Oncology or Neurology
- be eligible for obtaining the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) educational registration. For details on the eligibility requirements, visit Postgraduate Medical Education website at <http://pg.postmd.utoronto.ca/applicants/apply-for-fellowship-training/>

### Application Process

1. Submit the following documents to Norine Mark, the Education Coordinator at [norine.mark@uhn.ca](mailto:norine.mark@uhn.ca)

- a) Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- b) Letter of intent.

This should include the following:

- Rationale for pursuing training in palliative care
  - Previous experience in palliative care
  - Personal goals and learning objectives for the program
  - How the fellowship experience will fit with your future needs
- 2) After initial screening, if selected, an interview with the fellowship committee will be conducted.
- 3) Once accepted, the applicant will be notified and will be guided to:
- a) Apply to the Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) office at the University of Toronto and
  - b) Apply to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. This should be done at the same time as applying to the PGME office.

### Selection criteria

The fellowship committee will consider the following:

- a) Candidates who demonstrate a strong interest and commitment to excellence in the delivery of palliative care.
- b) Candidates with high academic achievements (i.e., participation in the educational activities, program development, research and scholarly work)
- c) Leadership initiatives to advance palliative care in their area.

Second-language English applicants will also need to demonstrate language proficiency in English (IELTS (Academic module) minimum requirement is an overall band of 7.0 with no band below 6.5, TOFEL minimum requirement: total score of 100 + 22 on Speaking and 22 on Listening). Alternatively, English language proficiency can be waived for applicants who pass the division in-person assessment.

### Funding

Funding is available on a competitive basis. Sponsored applicants may also apply to the fellowship.

### Deadline for 2025-2026 Fellowships

- July 31, 2024 for Canadian and International Applicants.