

# PATCH ACADEMY COURSE

## Cultural Competency & Spiritual Care in Children's Palliative Care



### R350

Relevant for parents, teachers, carers, counsellors, spiritual leaders and health care providers caring for children with serious life-threatening or life-limiting illness

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the need and value of developing cultural competence as well as the need to provide often neglected spiritual support and care to children with serious illnesses and to their families. It recognises that spiritual pain in this population is very real and must be addressed. This course is accredited by the Colleges of Medicine South Africa (CMSA). The course has been evaluated by the Council for Pastoral and Spiritual Counsellors (CPSC) for CPSC CPD points and 5 CPSC CPD points were awarded, of which 2 are Ethics CPSC CPD points.

*From birth children are spiritual beings, and their spirituality is both experienced and expressed as connections to their developing self-awareness, to others, to nature and to something or Someone greater than themselves. Spiritual care helps them to find meaning and purpose in their lives, especially important when they have a life-limiting illness. Children are also affected by their cultural environment, which helps to build their identity.*

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### CPSC CPD Points

5 CPSC CPD points awarded (3 CPSC CPD points & 2 Ethics CPSC CPD points)

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