

Hospice Foundation of America's Program

GRIEF THROUGH THE LENS OF THE BODY

Self-Study ONLINE Course

DESCRIPTION

Traditional counseling approaches pay little attention to the physical manifestations of grief and yet our bodies are not separate from our thoughts and hearts. Grievers experience a wide range of physical reactions such as heart palpitations, shoulder tension, stomachaches and headaches. This webinar focuses on ways to integrate the body in the grief narrative. Working collaboratively with clients to help them notice, track and regulate their physical sensations can relieve discomfort and help them develop useful resources in their grief journey.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Hospice Foundation of America has taken its popular webinar program and created a self- study course for professionals. The online presentation features experienced professionals offering their own expertise on the topic. On the screen, you will see the slide presentation and will be able to hear the experts talking and presenting.

RELEASE DATE:	Program originally premiered January 5, 2021
ON DEMAND:	Viewing available to registered individuals for 6 months after purchase.
LENGTH:	90 minutes
CE HOURS:	1.5 hours
CONTENT LEVEL:	The program is mainly for professionals already working in the field, but is practical for all levels of education – entry level, intermediate or advanced.
TARGET AUDIENCE:	The course is useful to Health care clinicians, social service clinicians and others working in the hospice, palliative care, counseling, hospital, nursing home, funeral home or faith community environments

HOW THE ONLINE SELF-STUDY PROGRAM WORKS

Step 1 - Register/purchase the course

Step 2 - View the course online through the link in your confirmation email or in your account.

Step 3 - Follow the instructions provided to receive your CE certificate*.

*An evaluation and a short exam are a part of this process.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

A computer and reliable internet connection. Mobile service provider charges may apply.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION/FEES

Register directly online, on HFA's website: www.hospicefoundation.org.

There are no refunds on registration. *Few exceptions may occur depending on the circumstance. To request a refund, a written request must be received (and granted) by HFA.

REGISTRATION POLICY

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

Provides one person, the registrant, access to the self-study course for personal viewing and continuing education. Discounts may be available for multiple viewers. Please check HFA's website at www.hospicefoundation.org for current pricing.

MATERIALS AREA

Course materials (Video, Program Slides, and Viewer Guide) are accessible to all registered individuals online immediately after registering. Download materials are available on HFA's website at <https://hospicefoundation.org/Shop-HFA/My-Account>, under "Orders/Courses."

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS PROGRAM, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

1. Identify how our bodies are affected when we are grieving.
2. Demonstrate familiarity with words they can use to help clients track physical sensations.
3. Demonstrate ability to use contact statements with clients.
4. Discuss how this material can be used to support clients who are grieving.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

- I. Common physical manifestations of grief (10 minutes)
- II. Current theory and research that highlights focus on the body (15 minutes)
- III. Assisting clients with noticing how their body expresses emotion (20 minutes)
- IV. Supporting clients in using their body to regulate their emotions (20 minutes)
- V. Case examples (10 minutes)
- VI. Question and Answer Session (15 minutes)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

This program is valid for 1.5 contact hours of continuing education. View the current list of board approvals on HFA's website at www.hospicefoundation.org, located on the program's registration page.

COURSE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must view the entire 90-minute program (online-streaming video). Partial credit is not awarded. Participants must also complete the entire CE process online before a certificate is awarded. The online CE process includes a required evaluation form and exam. The exam must be completed at 80% or above (the exam may be re-taken, if necessary).

EXPERT SPEAKERS

Maria Georgopoulos, LMHC, FT, is Director of the Bereavement Services Department at Calvary Hospital. She is responsible for 32 bereavement support groups in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan that serve hundreds of adults, children and teenagers each year; leads a team of 7 bereavement counselors, and spearheads Calvary's efforts to expand the Hospital's professional learning programs in the New York area. Prior to Calvary, Ms. Georgopoulos worked in the mental health profession in other settings including The American Red Cross of Greater New York after 9/11. In addition to her work in bereavement, Ms. Georgopoulos is a licensed mental health counselor with a private practice in NYC and provides counseling for diverse populations of people with varying difficulties.

MODERATOR

Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, MDiv, is Senior Bereavement Consultant to HFA and recipient of the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for Death Education and Counseling. He serves as editor of HFA's *Living with Grief*[®] book series and its *Journeys* bereavement newsletter. He is a prolific author, editor, and lecturer; past president of the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC); and a member and past chair of the International Work Group on Death, Dying, and Bereavement (IWG). In 2018, the IWG presented Doka with the Herman Feifel Award for outstanding achievement in thanatology. He received an award for Outstanding Contributions in the Field of Death Education from ADEC in 1998. Doka is an ordained Lutheran minister and a licensed mental health counselor in the state of New York.

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