



Position: Advance Care Planning Workshop Presenter

About Dying With Dignity Canada

Dying With Dignity Canada (DWDC) is the national human-rights charity committed to improving quality of dying, defending end-of-life rights, and helping Canadians avoid unwanted suffering. DWDC has a four-part mandate:

1. We work to ensure that Canada's assisted dying rules comply with the Canadian Constitution, including the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
2. We expose and break down unfair barriers facing suffering Canadians who wish to access their right to medical assistance in dying.
3. We provide support to people who are navigating their legal end-of-life options, and to their loved ones and health care providers.
4. We educate Canadians about advance care planning and their legal end-of-life rights and options, including palliative care and medical assistance in dying.

Position Description

Dying With Dignity Canada's Winnipeg Chapter is seeking a volunteer to assist the Winnipeg Chapter with Advance Care Planning presentations and workshops. The volunteer must be comfortable with public speaking, possess basic computer skills, and be willing to travel within Winnipeg in order to host in-person events.

Qualifications:

- Familiarity with the Manitoba health care system, either through employment (or past employment), personal experience, or advocacy/caregiving
- Some experience with / knowledge of Advance Care Planning and serious-illness conversations (especially involving the elderly) preferred but not required
- Willing to speak to groups of 10 to 40 or more people, in person and/or via Zoom
- Basic computer skills (managing email, downloading, saving, and printing files, simple editing of documents)
- Basic familiarity with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Zoom, and cloud storage (or ability and willingness to learn)

Training:

- Attend at least one Advance Care Planning (ACP) presentation to understand the workshop
- Become familiar with the required reading materials for ACP presenters (provided), including PP presentations, forms in use in Manitoba, sample documents, information about community resources, etc.
- Attend an orientation session (in-person or via Zoom) which will cover the logistics of doing presentations (equipment, handouts, reporting and recording, etc.)
- Present at least one workshop with support and supervision

Winnipeg Chapter Volunteer Roles



Requirements:

- Read and support Dying With Dignity Canada's mission and values, as stated here: www.dyingwithdignity.ca/about
- Sign the chapter confidentiality agreement and be willing to sign up for Dying With Dignity Canada's Volunteer Portal, Better Impact
- Be available to present 1 or 2 workshops a month from mid-September to early June (usually weekdays during the day, with occasional evenings or Saturdays)
- Work closely with the Event Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator to coordinate scheduling of workshops and ensure that needed equipment, volunteers, and supplies are available
- Collect evaluations after each workshop for quality improvement purposes

Screening Requirement:

This position is a position of trust. The incumbent will be required to complete the screening process including completion of appropriate background checks in compliance with Dying With Dignity Canada's Screening Measures Policy. This includes:

- Reference Checks

Application Information:

To apply, please email your resume and include a brief description of your relevant experiences and/or interests to Dorothy Stephens at: winnipeg.events@dyingwithdignity.ca

Application Deadline: Open until filled

Personal Values and Traits

The successful candidate will be passionate about defending Canadians' end-of-life rights, including the right to medical assistance in dying. If you believe that competent, grievously ill individuals should be allowed to die in peace with the help of a medical practitioner, then we strongly encourage you to apply.

In addition, our volunteers often communicate with severely ill and vulnerable Canadians who are weighing their end-of-life options or with the loved ones of individuals whose wish for a peaceful death was never realized. As a result, the successful candidate will be a strong active listener who consistently demonstrates compassion, humility and the utmost discretion in their interactions with others.

We respectfully thank all applicants for their interest. However, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Thank you for your interest in Dying With Dignity Canada.

Dying With Dignity Canada is an equal opportunity employer and adheres to fair employment practices. In accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, accommodation will be provided in all parts of the hiring process, as required. Applicants are encouraged to make their needs for accommodation known as early on as possible during the application process.