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# Example of Bereavement Counselor Job Description

Our growing company is looking to fill the role of bereavement counselor. Please review the list of responsibilities and qualifications. While this is our ideal list, we will consider candidates that do not necessarily have all of the qualifications, but have sufficient experience and talent.

## Responsibilities for bereavement counselor

* Assists with developing, acquiring, and utilizing resources for bereavement support of families and persons that are hospice connected primarily and in the community as directed by Leadership
* Facilitates pre-funeral arrangements as requested
* Officiates / assists with funerals and memorial services as requested
* Participates in inter-disciplinary conferences and staff meetings
* Assists with Hospice Palliative fellow program as assigned
* Attends weekly team meetings as a member of the interdisciplinary team
* Monitors assessment for bereavement risk of the primary bereaved family member(s) from time of admission
* Provides appropriate support prior to the patient’s death as per Interdisciplinary team (IDT)request
* Educates IDT regarding anticipatory grief and mourning
* Completes assessment of primary bereaved family member(s) at time of death of the patient

## Qualifications for bereavement counselor

* Current Counseling Certification or License through Washington State Department of Health
* Has an understanding of the field of Thanatology and bereavement and demonstrates the ability to apply this in their practice
* Master’s degree in Social Work or related field with experience in clinical counseling required
* More than one year experience working in interdisciplinary teams preferred
* Master's degree in Social Work or Counseling is required
* Previous experience required, preferably in bereavement setting