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**University of Houston  
Graduate College of Social Work**

**JOB OPPORTUNITY POSTING**

**Job Title:** Social Worker

**Employer/ Agency:** Houston Hospice

**Job Description:** Provides detailed psychosocial assessments and social work support services to patients and families. Assists with aspects of the hospice bereavement program as requested. This position is based in our North Office - 5206 FM 1960 West, Suite 104.

*Responsibilities and Duties*

Assess patients/family's psychosocial status and needs. Provide individual and family counseling to patient/family and/or bereaved persons. Identify community resources and assists patients, families and staff with utilization. Provide bereavement counseling as appropriate to families when a death occurs. Assist hospice care team members to understand significant psychosocial and emotional factors related to care. Travel to multi-work locations during workday and evenings as needed. Coordinate/conduct community bereavement program(s) offered as requested. Participate in QA/PI activities to assure continuous quality assurance and process improvement. Responsible for timely completion of paper work required to meet State and Federal regulations. Participate in on call rotation. Participate in the development and revision of a plan of care. Provide social services including short-term individual counseling, crisis intervention, assistance in providing information and preparation of advance directives, funeral planning, issues involving transfer of fiscal, legal and health care responsibility. Assess special needs related to cultural diversity including role of family members and special traditions. Identify the developmental level of patient/family/caregiver and obstacles to learning or ability to participate in care of patient/family questions and issues. Identify patient/family needs when discharged or when level of care changes.

**Qualifications:** 1-2 years healthcare social work experience; Effective interpersonal skills Excellent communication skills Ability to accommodate multi-faith beliefs and cultural backgrounds of patients/families. Ability to function as part of interdisciplinary team. Licensed Social Worker in the State of Texas Bachelor's Degree in Social Work - Master's preferred.

**Salary/Hours:** Competitive Salary; Extensive Benefits

**Employer/ Agency:** Houston Hospice

**Contact Person:** Lisa Jobe  
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**Application Method:** Apply on line at [www.houstonhospice.org](http://www.houstonhospice.org)

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