

Job Title	Hospice Licensed Master of Social Work
Employer/ Agency	Altus Hospice of Houston
Job Description	<p>Assesses the psychosocial status of patients and families/caregivers related to the patient's terminal illness and environment and communicates findings to the RN Case Manager and other members of the interdisciplinary group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completes an initial social work and bereavement assessment as part of the comprehensive assessment within 5 (five) days of admission, including documentation of findings, type of bereavement services to be offered and frequency of those services in the clinical record as needed with each new submission. • Participates with the Interdisciplinary Group in development of the bereavement plan of care at the beginning of the patient's admission with ongoing participation including documentation of individualized plan and actions in the clinical record on an as needed basis but no less than every two weeks. • Supervises the implementation of an individualized social work plan of care and notified Bereavement Coordinator of bereavement assessment needs. • Carries out social evaluations, including family dynamics, caregiver abilities, communication patterns, high-risks for suicide, neglect or abuse and plans intervention based on evaluation findings and reports findings to the Director of Clinical Services. • Counsel's patient and family/caregivers as needed in relationship to stress, and other identified coping difficulties. • Assists family and patient in planning for funeral arrangements, financial, legal, and health care decision responsibilities. • Educates patients and families on, and assists in, preparation of advanced directives. • Participates in the transfer/discharge process, which includes planning for any necessary family counseling, patient education, or other services before the patient is transferred or discharged. • Assesses for, and educates interdisciplinary group, on any special needs related to the culture of the patient and family. Includes communication, role of family, space, and any special traditions or taboos. • Provides information and referral services for Altus Hospice patients and families/caregivers regarding practical and environmental needs. • Forms liaisons with other support services in the community and assures an appropriate level of bereavement support for each client on a daily basis. • Supervises Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker as indicated.

Qualifications	<p>Master's degree in Social Work required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum one (1) year experience as a social worker in long term care or medical surgical/ acute care setting. • One (1) year of hospice experience preferred but not required. • Must be computer proficient in typing and various programs, including background in EMR. • Ability to work with and supervise others as an effective team builder and team player. • Skilled at establishing/maintaining working relationships with key staff, marketing contacts, and clinical staff to ensure thorough understanding of Altus Hospice services. • Ability to work autonomously, take initiative, set priorities, organize work, and make independent decisions. • Excellent communication skills, including public speaking, both verbal and written. • Subject to criminal background check and drug screening. • Holds current valid Texas driver's license. • Reliable transportation with current automobile insurance. • Holds current unencumbered license of Social Work in the state of Texas.
Salary/Hours	Competitive Salary, Hours are Monday through Friday 8AM-5pm with some on call responsibilities.
Employer/Agency	Altus Hospice Of Houston
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Application Method	May go to website and apply via the careers section: www.altushospicecare.com , in person or via fax.
Opening Date	Current opening.

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