VNA Community Bereavement Center

VNA Community Bereavement Center provides free grief support to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss. We are part of VNA Hospice and Palliative Care and serve all hospice families as well as the community at large. Throughout an internship with VNA, the student would spend time learning hospice philosophy of care and time at the inpatient hospice unit working with those who are at the end of their life and also supporting the patient’s family. Post the death of patient, VNA CBC provides continued support for hospice families through individualized support sessions, monthly support group meetings, and ongoing community education.

Clients of the VNA CBC do not have to have experienced a death through VNA Hospice. All services are available no matter the type of death a person has experienced. At times, clients are seeking support for an impending death or even following the loss of a job or change in their own health. Often clients also seek support after still birth, infant death, completed suicide, or homicide.

VNA CBC provides brief short term treatment to assess and facilitate grief reactions with children, teens, families, adults, and older adults. Counseling services are available in a variety of settings such as our office, in homes, in hospitals, in schools, and skilled facilities. Monthly support group meetings and peer networking meetings are also offered to all clients. VNA CBC provides community education on death, dying, and bereavement needs.

Students would be required to co-facilitate several monthly support group meetings in Butler and Armstrong County and maintain a small caseload for the latter half of their placement. VNA CBC hours of operation are flexible as support group meetings take place in the evening and we do accept weekend and evening counseling sessions. Students must have TB test, Clearances, Driver’s License, and current car insurance for placement.