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**NEWS  
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**UNITY NURSING STAFF MEMBERS ACHIEVE NATIONAL  
CERTIFICATION  
Hospice and Palliative Care Expertise Ensures Quality Care**

**Green Bay, Wis. – December 14, 2011** – Unity, leaders in hospice and palliative care, today announced that five additional members of its nursing staff achieved national certification in hospice and palliative care from the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses.

Certification in hospice and palliative care indicates expertise in end-of-life care and for Unity ensures quality and consistency of care for its patients. Promoting professional development is a core value at Unity. Nursing staff become eligible to sit for the certification exam after completing 2,000 hours or having an equivalent of two years experience in the fields of hospice and palliative care. Staff members are certified for a period of four years and obtain recertification through the testing process.

Unity recognizes the growing demand within the communities it serves for quality, end-of-life care services provided by skilled professionals and takes pride in these members of its nursing staff and the large body of certified staff they join.

- Unity registered nurses Yvette Johnson, Haley Menor, Jennifer Meyer and Virginia Riggs, achieved recognition as Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurses (CHPN®).
  - Johnson (Green Bay), based out of Unity's De Pere office, provides care to hospice patients residing at Unity's Jack and Engrid Meng Residence.
  - Menor (Marinette), based out of Unity's Marinette work station, provides care to hospice and palliative patients in Marinette county.
  - Meyer (Green Bay) is a Clinical Education Coordinator based out of Unity's De Pere office who develops and delivers curriculum to nursing staff.

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- Riggs (Green Bay) provides patient care in private homes and assisted living facilities in western Brown County and is based out of Unity's De Pere office.
- Jodi Kittell (Green Bay), licensed practical nurse, achieved recertification as a Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN®). Kittell is based out of Unity's De Pere office and works as a Patient Services Representative who arranges the services provided to patients.

**About Unity**

Unity is a not-for-profit provider of palliative, hospice care and grief support in 12 counties in Northeast Wisconsin and has offices in the Green Bay area, Marinette, Shawano and Sturgeon Bay. A continuation of the former Bellin Hospice program founded in 1977, Unity is a partnership of Bellin Health, St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center and St. Vincent Hospital. Unity is a member of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). For more information call (920) 338-1111 or visit [www.unityhospice.org](http://www.unityhospice.org).

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