

**Abstract (in English):**

The diploma thesis is focused on the role of the social worker in bereavement care in facilities providing palliative care (hospices, hospitals, retirement home). The theoretical part of the work deals with key aspects of palliative care, specific roles of members of the multidisciplinary team, types of facilities providing palliative care, the process and theories of grieving and bereavement care. The practical part is focused on the evaluation of questionnaires filled in by social workers. The results of the research identified the forms of support that are most often provided within facilities providing palliative care to the bereaved, the activities performed by social workers in bereavement care, and emphasized the necessary competences and knowledge for the effective performance of this role. The research also clarified with whom and during which activities social workers most often cooperate in bereavement care. The conclusions of the data analysis showed that social workers see their role in bereavement care in accompanying the bereaved in a new life situation by providing counseling and psychological and practical support. In working with the bereaved with complicated grief, their role is limited to identifying risk factors and symptoms, and then they refer the bereaved to other professionals. Social workers are also significantly involved in the development of bereavement care within their organizations.