

## **Abstract**

The bachelor's thesis "Accompanying in hospice care, public awareness and ideas" examined, compared and also evaluated the awareness and ideas of the general public about concepts such as: hospice, accompaniment, palliative care and also focused on the topic of death and dying. The aim of the work was to find out what the general public is aware of palliative care in the Czech Republic, what the public has fears of death and dying and also how ideas and awareness of the topics differ depending on age, education and place of residence. The theoretical part of the thesis explained the legal definitions and basic concepts. The importance of palliative care in the Czech Republic was emphasized, its development was mapped, its basic goals were defined and the target group of palliative care was defined. Furthermore, the bachelor's thesis presents a structured form of hospice care, describes the professions working in hospices and the final part of the theoretical part is devoted to accompanying the dying. The empirical part contains the results of our own survey and its comparison with the results of other similar works. Method: questionnaire survey - self-designed questionnaire. Results: 87 respondents out of the original 93 respondents participated in the research survey, ie 93.54%. Conclusions: The general public's awareness and perceptions of palliative and hospice care are incomplete and largely distorted. Awareness in these areas has significant gaps and more attention should be paid to it. It is extremely important to realize that it is the lack of information that arouses fear, anxiety and the opportunity for distortions and confabulations that discredit the palliative care field. Providing the public with information on the current state of palliative care can significantly help to dispel myths about hospices.