

Update: Handbook of Thanatology, 3rd Edition

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Disclaimers

- We were contracted by the Association for Death Education and Counseling to edit this third edition of the Handbook of Thanatology. A percentage of sales of this volume will accrue to us.

Association for Death Education and Counseling: some Facts

- Membership organization based in the US with a global membership
- History
- Annual Conferences
- Credentialing opportunities
- Website: <https://www.adec.org>

Handbook of Thanatology

- Two previous editions, 2007 and 2013
- Why is ADEC publishing a third edition?
 - [Mission & Vision](#)
 - Timing
 - Other reasons
 - Major revision to the Body of Knowledge
 - Accessibility through self-publishing

Rationale for New Format

- New [Body of Knowledge](#) outline
- 22 chapters, mapped to the Outline
- Length of the book: ~630 pages

Process for Recruiting Authors

- Authors of ADEC presentations in annual conferences
- Authors of journal articles found in:
 - Death Studies
 - Omega
 - Mortality
- Global Perspective-
 - [International Work Group on Death, Dying, and Bereavement \(IWG\)](#)
 - Google Scholar searches

Instructions to authors:

- Partner with a global expert (usually assigned by us)
- Offer a broad perspective on the topic including its context, important contributors, and current controversies
- Incorporate ethics, diversity, disability, and age-related issues as appropriate
- With the idea that after reading the chapter, a novice in the field could attend a presentation on the topic
 - Oriented to its issues and aware of its situatedness
 - Without being confused

I am a published expert. Why wasn't I approached to be an author?

Duration of the project and its obstacles

- Original timeline
- Delays due to dual pandemics
 - Covid-19
 - Racial Reckoning and trauma after Floyd murder

Original Timetable

Activity	Beginning	Deadline
Select Chapter Authors	July 13, 2019	October 14, 2019
1 st Draft of Chapters Written	October 15, 2019	February 14, 2020
Editors Review and Send Back Edits	February 17, 2020	March 27, 2020
2 nd Draft of Chapter Written	March 30, 2020	April 27, 2020
Editors Review and Revise— Possibly Request Additional Revisions	April 28 th , 2020	May 29 th , 2020
Editor Version Due	June 1, 2020	June 1, 2020
Editors Review Copy Edits	July 13, 2020	August 14, 2020

How is this edition different? Why invest?

- Scope
- BOK mapping
- Authors
- Unique global perspectives
- Intriguing chapters not found elsewhere

When will the ADEC Certification Exam have questions from the new edition?

Available when and in what form? Cost?

- Paperback and ebook
- Individual digital chapters (with the ability to acquire contact hours for each)
- Date: Fall 2021
- Cost: \$79.95 USD (print version)

THIRD EDITION

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*The essential body of knowledge for the
study of death, dying, and bereavement*

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