

# Spiritual Care Week 2024:

*Spiritual Care Practitioners in aged care do more than you might think...*

Spiritual caregivers often find themselves tasked with much more than simply offering a cup of tea. They may hold various job titles, including Chaplains, Pastoral Carers, Wellbeing Officers, Psychologists, Social Workers, Dementia Leads, Allied Health Professionals or Faith Leaders. While many envision Spiritual Care Practitioners engaged in prayer and other religious activities—such as providing sacred texts and devotional booklets, leading worship services, officiating weddings and funerals, and offering spiritual guidance—there is much more to their role. In reality, Spiritual Care Practitioners possess extensive training in various fields and take on multiple responsibilities, as illustrated in the accompanying diagram.

