



Professional Development in Palliative Care

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Title: Name:

Position:

Organisation:

Date of Birth: / / Gender: M F

Special Requirements (eg access, dietary or other)

2. CONTACT DETAILS

Please tick for Business details Please tick for Home details

Mailing Address:

City: State: Postcode:

Phone: Fax:

Email:

How did you hear about this course?

3. SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE IN PALLIATIVE CARE

I wish to enrol in the Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care. Please send me the application form to the above address. Please note, payment is not required at this stage. Fees will be \$4,480 for the entire Specialist Certificate.

4. SHORT COURSE OPTIONS FOR 2012

I wish to find out more information about the Palliative Care Short Course Options. Please send further information to me via:

Mail Email



Industry standard University accredited postgraduate course
plus short course training for all health professionals



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Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care

The Centre for Palliative Care at St Vincent's Hospital in collaboration with the University of Melbourne offers a multidisciplinary postgraduate training program in Palliative Care. The University of Melbourne consistently ranks among the leading universities in the world. The training is suitable for all health professionals who in the course of their work are caring for patients with palliative care needs. We welcome students from throughout Australia and internationally.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An undergraduate degree or equivalent qualification in medicine, nursing or allied health which is recognised by the University of Melbourne. In addition, documented evidence of at least one year's full-time relevant professional work experience in a medical, nursing or allied health environment. Potential students will be working in an environment where they are providing palliative care to patients. There is a limited number of places available, so early registration is recommended.

COURSE PURPOSE

The course sets the industry standard for health professionals providing clinical palliative care and is delivered by experts in their fields, drawn from multiple institutions. The course explores the core concepts and practices of palliative care, including practice standards, symptom management, communication skills, evidence based practice, non-cancer contexts, psychosocial issues, bereavement care and support for family carers.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

To satisfy the requirements of the Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care, students need to complete two, 12.5 credit point subjects within a 12 month period.

Once enrolled, students will have access to an online module to develop/revise skills for assignment preparation. Students will also have access to all the learning and support resources provided by the University of Melbourne, including the library.

Core Subject (compulsory for all students)

Fundamentals of Palliative Care (12.5 point subject)

Elective Subjects

Adult Palliative Care (12.5 point subject)

Paediatric Palliative Care (12.5 point subject)

Each subject comprises a mixed method delivery including online learning, face to face delivery and clinical mentorship. The structure of the Specialist Certificate is as follows:

CORE SUBJECT: FUNDAMENTALS OF PALLIATIVE CARE

Palliative Care: The Essentials 23rd & 24th February 2012

Principles, policy and standards of palliative care. An introduction to practice issues including malignant and non malignant palliative diseases, symptom management and caring for the imminently dying patients.

Therapeutic Communication Skills in Palliative Care

19th & 20th April 2012

Conducted in partnership with the Cancer Council of Victoria.

Principles and practice of therapeutic communication and incorporates a supervised practicum.

STUDENT'S WILL ELECT FROM ONE OF THE TWO FOLLOWING SUBJECTS. CORE TO BOTH SUBJECTS IS EVIDENCE BASED PALLIATIVE CARE – ONLINE.

ELECTIVE SUBJECT 1:

ADULT PALLIATIVE CARE

Evidence Based Palliative Care - Online

* **Compulsory for all students**

Incorporating basics of quantitative and qualitative research, ethical issues, evaluation, quality activities, implementing research into practice and dissemination strategies (eg presentations, publications).

Students must complete the above online session plus 4 of the following 5 days in order to complete the subject.

Pain Assessment and Management in Palliative Care 18th July 2012

* **Compulsory for doctors and nurses**

Incorporating: current evidence to guide contemporary pain assessment and management.

Symptom Management in Adult Palliative Care 19th July 2012

* **Compulsory for doctors and nurses**

Incorporating: symptom assessment and management, and technical skills.

Palliative Care in Non-Cancer Contexts 20th July 2012

Incorporating aged care, neurodegenerative disorders, dementia, end stage organ failure and HIV AIDS.

Psychosocial Aspects of Palliative Care 6th September 2012

Incorporating psychological/psychiatric syndromes, psychotherapeutic, social and ethical/legal issues.

Family Centred Palliative Care and Cultural Issues

7th September 2012

Incorporating family carer issues, bereavement care and cultural considerations.

ELECTIVE SUBJECT 2:

PAEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE 12.5 points

Evidence Based Palliative Care - Online

As for Adult Palliative Care outlined above.

Illnesses Encountered in Paediatric Palliative Care

22nd March 2012

The general principles of paediatric palliative care; Malignant conditions, neurodegenerative conditions, chromosomal disorders and congenital anomalies

Symptom Management in Paediatric Palliative Care

23rd March 2012

Assessment and management of symptoms in children of varying ages with a range of diagnoses (including children with disabilities).

Psychosocial and Spiritual Aspects 24th May 2012

Supporting children with life-limiting conditions, their siblings and parents; self-care for health professionals; bereavement care.

Ethics 25th May 2012

Decision-making with children and/or their parents; cultural influences.

ASSESSMENT

Each subject is formally assessed to meet the requirements of University accreditation.

Assessment is designed to be practical and clinically relevant.

VENUE

Graduate House, University of Melbourne,
220 Leicester St, Carlton, Vic 3053

FEES

Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care - \$4,480 (excluding GST)

The fees include course materials, clinical mentorship program and catered lunch, morning and afternoon teas.

REGISTRATION

Closing date for applications is Friday 27th January 2012.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

FEE-HELP information is available via www.goingtouni.gov.au

ACADEMIC PRIZE

The Order of Malta Award is an annual prize (\$1,000) which will be awarded to the student who achieves the overall highest academic grade for the year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department of Health are offering scholarships of up to \$3,000 for people undertaking approved postgraduate palliative care courses.

For further information please see Palliative Care Victoria website: www.pallcarevic.asn.au or phone 03 9662 9644.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"Extremely stimulating, intellectually and emotionally. Very encouraging and inspiring group to be a part of."

"It's a very good course that benefits people working in either specialist palliative care and in a generalist setting."

"The best part of the course was the interactive lectures from clinically active practitioners working who work in a variety of settings. The participating Australian students were well motivated and welcoming to international participants."

Short Course Options

In 2012 selected components of the accredited course will be offered as individual non-accredited short courses. This will be particularly inviting to generalist health care professionals and/or those working in specialist palliative care who want to update their skills.

For more information on Short Course Options please visit www.mccp.unimelb.edu.au/palliativecare or email palliativecare@mccp.unimelb.edu.au

ACADEMIC TEAM

Professor Peter Hudson, Director

Centre for Palliative Care AND Professor of Palliative Care
Queens University Belfast, United Kingdom

Associate Professor Mark Boughey

Centre for Palliative Care and Director Palliative Medicine St. Vincent's
(Melbourne)

Karen Quinn, Coordinator Education & Project Officer for Victorian Palliative Nurse Practitioner Collaborative
Centre for Palliative Care

Associate Professor Jennifer Philip, Co-Deputy Director

Centre for Palliative Care and Deputy Director Palliative Medicine St
Vincent's (Melbourne)

Mr Chris Hall, Director

Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement

Dr Jenny Hynson, Consultant Paediatrician

Victorian Paediatric Palliative Care Program The Royal Children's Hospital
(Melbourne)

Melissa Heywood, Liaison Nurse/Manager

Victorian Paediatric Palliative Care Program The Royal Children's Hospital
(Melbourne)

Dr Eleanor Flynn, Palliative Care Consultant

St Vincent's (Melbourne) and Melbourne City Mission

Dr Di Clifton, Psychiatrist, Psycho-Oncologist

St Vincent's (Melbourne)

Associate Professor Rosalie Hudson

Consultant in Aged Care Education

Dr Frank Ferris, International Advisor

Director International Programs Institute for Palliative Medicine, San
Diego Hospice, CA USA

Experts from other institutions and services are also involved in the delivery of our programs.

FEES

Short Course Options - \$300 per day

The fee includes course materials, catered lunch and morning & afternoon tea.

Places on Short Courses are limited