



Graduate Certificate in Palliative Medicine

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Overview

Palliative care is the continuing active total care of patients and their families, at a time when the medical expectation is no longer cure. Palliative care responds to physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs, and extends to support in bereavement.

The goal of palliative care is the highest possible quality of life for both patient and family.

Flexible Learning

Our collaborative programme enables clinicians develop the necessary knowledge and skills to provide a palliative care approach in clinical practice. The programme acknowledges the time limitations that face healthcare professionals who are in full-time employment and adopts a flexible approach to teaching and learning in order to provide a blend of education that meets student's needs.

Over half of the programme is delivered by distance learning and there is an emphasis on interactive learning methods based on individual student's knowledge and experience in order to foster the development of a reflective approach to solving complex problems.

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The Graduate Certificate programme consists of 4 modules run sequentially over two semesters (September to December and January to May).

Course Structure

Course Content

Module 1 – Philosophy, Principles and Social Context of Palliative Care

Module 2 – Pain and Symptom Assessment and Management in Palliative Care

Module 3 - Psychological, Spiritual and Ethical Aspects of Palliative Care Practice

Module 4 – Personhood and Loss in the Context of Life-limiting illness

Careers

This programme has been developed to meet the identified needs of medical practitioners and to facilitate the translation of best practice from the specialist palliative care setting.

For further information on this programme, please contact

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