Postgraduate Certificate in Hospice Palliative Care

Explore palliative care philosophy and practice in a clinically-focused programme. For registered health professionals providing palliative care in aged care, hospital and community settings or hospices. You may gain credits towards Master’s study.

This clinically focused programme is for registered health professionals involved in the delivery of palliative care in a variety of settings including hospices, aged and residential care, community and primary health care and hospital.

Explore the theory, research and practice issues necessary to provide quality palliative care in contemporary health care environments in two courses delivered online with tutorial blocks held at the Porirua campus.

Applicants need to be employed in relevant clinical work for a minimum of two days a week and may be eligible for Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ) funding available through District Health Board HWNZ Co-ordinators.

Programme Outline

**Paper HSC8201: The Foundation of Palliative Care (45 credits)**

This course provides the opportunity to examine the foundational knowledge and care delivery from a holistic framework, mindful of the physical, emotional, social, cultural and spiritual needs of the patient, family and whanau living with a terminal illness. You will explore hospice palliative care philosophy and care delivered by the inter-professional team where the patient, family and whanau are the focus. The practice of palliative care including therapeutic interventions and treatment modalities; loss, grief and bereavement support across the lifespan; cultural attitudes to death and dying; resilience and caring for self and others are explored.

**Paper HSC8202: Praxis in Palliative Care (45 credits)**

This course develops praxis as you apply theory, research and critical reflection to palliative care provision across a variety of settings. Quality improvement and evidence-based practice within your own work environment will be examined against palliative care standards and policy. This course also supports you to examine your contribution to inter-professional practice and clinical leadership.

Entry Requirements

Registered health professional with a current New Zealand practising certificate, Bachelor degree or equivalent; relevant clinical employment for a minimum of two days (15 hours) per week.

International students

Must meet domestic entry requirements and have IELTS 7.0 in each band or