

Graduate Programs in Palliative Care

Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences



"This course was very beneficial in reinforcing my learnings and experience in this space. It was really worthwhile, I would recommend it" End-of-Life Nurse Practitioner

"I thoroughly enjoyed these days. they were inspiring, thought provoking and practice changing." Doctor

"The content and presentation of this course is a huge draw card. Presenters knowledgeable and generous with time. Thank you." Allied Health Practitioner

University accredited postgraduate and short course training programs for all health professionals.

The University of Melbourne is ranked number 1 in Australia and number 33 in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2016-2017).

Specialist & Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care

"Palliative care is an approach that improves quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem of life threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual."

World Health Organisation

Purpose of Courses

The course delivery for both certificates are multi-modal and include on-line learning, face to face teaching, experiential learning and case discussion. In addition each student is assigned a clinical mentor who is an experienced palliative care clinician for selected aspects.

The **Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care** is an ideal introduction to palliative care for all health professionals. This includes doctors, nurses, social workers, physiotherapists, psychologists, occupational therapists, pastoral care workers, music and art therapists, working in any setting including inpatient, community and outpatient services. It provides a broad overview of the core concepts and practices of palliative care including practice standards, symptom management, non-cancer contexts, bereavement care, psychosocial issues, support for carers and effective communication skills.

Students are required to complete two 12.5 credit point subjects within a 12 month period.

The **Graduate Certificate in Palliative Care** builds on the learning in the Specialist Certificate and provides students with advanced knowledge and skills. It is targeted at health professionals working in specialist palliative care services or who are responsible for providing palliative care in the course of their work.

Students are required to complete four 12.5 credit point subjects within a 2 year period.



EVIDENCE-BASED PALLIATIVE CARE – Online module Compulsory for both the Specialist and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care

Incorporating: basics of literature searching, quantitative and qualitative research, evaluation, quality activities, implementing research into practice and dissemination strategies (e.g. presentations, publications).

All students must complete the online module with the first subject in which they enrol.

FUNDAMENTALS OF PALLIATIVE CARE Core Subject for Specialist and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care (12.5 point subject)

Palliative Care: The Essentials - 8 & 9 February 2018

Therapeutic Communication Skills in Palliative Care - 19 & 20 April 2018

Please note attendance at the communications workshops is compulsory for all students

CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES TO BEREAVEMENT Elective (12.5 point subject)

Historical and Theoretical Perspectives on Bereavement - 22 February 2018

Developmental Perspectives - 23 February 2018

Clinical Interventions - 9 May 2018

Self-Care and Ethical Issues in Bereavement Care - 10 May 2018

ADULT PALLIATIVE CARE Elective (12.5 point subject)

Pain Assessment & Management in Palliative Care - 19 July 2018

Symptom Management in Adult Palliative Care - 20 July 2018

Palliative Care in a Non-Malignant Context - 13 September 2018

Family Centred Palliative Care and Cultural Issues - 14 September 2018

PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECTS OF PALLIATIVE CARE Elective (12.5 point subject)

Identification and Assessment of Psychosocial and Psychiatric Disorders - 16 August 2018

Management of Psychiatric and Psychological Disorders - 17 August 2018

Special Needs and High-Risk Populations - 20 August 2018

Supporting Health Care Professionals Caring for Palliative Care Patients and Families Experiencing Psychological Distress - 21 August 2018



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.

Ideally students will be working in an environment where they have some exposure to patients with palliative care needs.

Venue

Graduate House
The University of Melbourne
220 Leicester St
Carlton, VIC 3053

Fees

Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care - **\$5,780***

Graduate Certificate in Palliative Care - **\$11,560***

**2018 fees may change and are subject to the final University approval*

The fees include all course materials, catered lunch, morning and afternoon teas. Fees are subject to annual increase.

Financial Support

FEE-HELP is available for this course of study. Fee help is a government loan scheme available to eligible fee paying students to help pay all or part of their tuition fees.

For further information please visit www.studyassist.gov.au

Registration

Closing date for applications is **Friday 12 January 2018.**

Academic Prize

The Order of Malta Award is an annual prize (\$1,000) awarded to the student who achieves the overall highest academic grade for the year, in the Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care.

Academic Team

The faculty includes:

Professor Peter Hudson

Director Centre for Palliative Care and Professor of Palliative Care
Queens University Belfast United Kingdom

Associate Professor Mark Boughey

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

Karen Quinn

Coordinator Education & Program
Coordinator for Victorian Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner Collaborative
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Mr Christopher Hall

Director
Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement

Dr Justin Dwyer,

Director Psychosocial Cancer Care,
St Vincent's (Melbourne)

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

Short Course Options

In 2018, a number of the modules from the Specialist and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care will be offered as individual professional development 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 but may not want to complete an award course. Certificates of Continuing Professional Development hours will be provided.

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

Short Course Fees

Short Course Options - **\$450 + GST per day**

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

Places on short courses are limited. Fees are subject to annual increase.



About the University of Melbourne

Located in the centre of Australia's most multicultural city and within the Parkville Research Precinct, the University of Melbourne is consistently Australia's top performing university in world rankings. The University of Melbourne is the largest research university in Australia. Its academic community is at the forefront of international scholarship in fields as diverse as human rights law, medical biology, and information and communications technology.

About the Centre for Palliative Care

The Centre for Palliative Care is part of St. Vincent's Hospital and is a Collaborative Centre of The University of Melbourne, Australia. The Centre has a state-wide role in palliative care education and research in Victoria, with networks and collaborative projects extending nationally and internationally. The Centre plays a pivotal role in the development and implementation of training and education programs for health professionals from a variety of disciplines, while undertaking cutting-edge research to set benchmarks and improve practices in palliative care.

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