

Order of Malta Academic Prize Recipients

The Order of Malta Award is an annual prize (\$1000), which is awarded to the student who achieves the overall highest academic grade for the year for the Specialist Certificate in Palliative Year. The Order of Malta in Australia is part of a 900-year-old organisation that has been a passionate advocate for palliative care provision and for improving the quality of care provided to patients and families confronted by life-threatening illness.

The recipients of the award to date are:

2017: Kate Crosbie is a Registered Nurse with Melbourne City Mission Community Palliative Care team

2016: Jeanette Lacey is the End of life care Nurse Practitioner at John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle

2015: Sonya Camilleri is a Clinical Nurse Consultant who works at The Royal Children's Hospital under the Victorian Paediatric Palliative Care Program

2014: Dr Elena Cavazzoni works at the Children's Hospital, Westmead, Sydney

2013: Dr Martina Welz is a Geriatric Medicine Registrar at Northern/Austin Health

2012: Joint recipients: Sarah Short and Kristy McCoy (both nurses). Sarah works with Royal District Nursing Service and recently was appointed to a palliative care role with her current employer. Kristy is a nurse consultant in palliative care in Brisbane

2011: Nora Refahi works as a Carer Advisor and Intake Counsellor at Carers

2010: Melonie Taylor is a nurse consultant who works with Eastern Palliative Care

2009: Dr Deborah Harley is a General Practitioner who as a result of completing the course now works closely with the palliative care team in Geelong

2008: Dr Nicola Atkin who now works in specialist palliative care in the UK