
University Certificate in Professional Development (UCPD)

Practical Palliative Care for General Practitioners and Prescribers

Delivery: Part-time

Enrolment: for September 2014

Level: Diploma

Credits: 30 credits

GP Approved CPD Credits: 25-30

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Application form:

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This award is designed to provide practising clinicians with evidence-based, best practice knowledge and skills in caring for patients with specific palliative care needs. Particular emphasis will be given to the care of patients at the end of their life. It has been developed in response to a local needs assessment as well as national healthcare directives. It has the specific purpose of empowering practitioners to improve their practice of palliative and end of life care, and has been designed to be within the scope of busy clinicians.

What you study

The award incorporates a series of topic-based assignments (formatively assessed) delivered by distance learning via E-Learning@tees with a 37 hour attachment to a hospice or specialist palliative care unit. The award commences in September with an induction evening on **TBCSeptember 2014, 6.30pm (Teesside cohort only)**. The E-Learning commencing in October and the final assignment is submitted in April 2015.

How you learn

The teaching methods used include: distance learning with tutorial support, professional/practice placements. There will be an induction evening to discuss the aims of the award. A series of 11 weekly topics, on relevant subjects such as pain, nausea and vomiting and non malignant disease, including short formative assignments, will be provided and delivered electronically via Blackboard software. Each student will also have a 37 hours clinical attachment to a local hospice or specialist palliative care unit where they will have exposure to common palliative care problems and the opportunity to monitor individual patients over a week. There will also be an opportunity to attend tutorials, observe multidisciplinary working and assist with domiciliary visits.

This will also be an ideal opportunity to develop syringe driver skills. The student will complete a critical reflective diary during the clinical attachment.

How you are assessed

The assessment will be a 4000 word case study and evidence of achievement of syringe driver competence in practice. Successful students will have completed all formative assignments, a hospice attachment where evidence must be given of 37 hours practice, successfully demonstrated syringe driver competence.

Part A - Assessed as pass/fail:

The student will provide evidence of demonstration of syringe driver competence, via a signed and completed form.

Part B - 100% weighting for summative mark

A detailed patient case study of 4000 words. This can either be related to the 37 hours hospice attachment, general practice or from clinical practice. The case study should demonstrate aspects of palliative care and knowledge that has been acquired through the course.

Entry requirements

This course is designed for Qualified General Practitioners. Other health care practitioners, such as doctors in training, specialist nurses, prescribers and allied health professionals may be identified as being appropriate by the module leader.

Finding out more

For further information about this course please contact:

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Application forms

Applications should be completed online at:

http://www.tees.ac.uk/parttime_courses/Health_&_Social_Care/University_Certificate_in_Professional_Development_Practical_Care_for_General_Practitioners_and_Prescribers_.cfm

Alternatively please contact Admissions by Email: sohscadmissions@tees.ac.uk

Please Note: Macmillan Cancer Support & NECN has funded places that are available for students in the North of England Cancer Network. For other students outside of the NECN the fee will be £400

Comments from previous students;

- A really well organised and good course!
- It will improve my clinical practice.
- I am definitely more confident in my management of patient's palliative conditions.
- It will especially aid my management of nausea and vomiting and pain control.

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