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CANCER SUPPORT

Primary Care Early Diagnosis & Survivorship Nurses



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This course will build on the experience of previous courses with primary care nurses where they found it difficult to sustain a role with cancer patients after the course completed.

Nurses will be mentored in developing a personalised set of 5 learning outcomes relating to cancer in the following categories:

- Knowledge and understanding
- Intellectual skills
- Professional and personal skills

Upon completion 20 credits will be awarded by UWE at Level 3 or Level M



Outline of the course

Day 1 - Introductory day (at UWE)

→ Understanding work-based learning; introduction to the course and the library

Day 2 - Cancer as a disease → Risk factors; epidemiology of cancer; screening programmes

Day 3 - Diagnosis of cancer → Presentation; investigations; fast track process; the beginning of the journey; Cancer Care Review

Day 4 - Cancer treatments (visit to local cancer centre) → Surgery; chemotherapy; radiotherapy

Day 5 - Side effects of treatment; late effects of cancer treatment; signs and symptoms of recurrence

Day 6 - Survivorship and living with cancer

Day 7 - Managing end of life care in the community

Day 8 - Review of course and presentation of projects

The aims and objectives of the Primary Care Cancer Survivorship and Early Diagnosis Nurse are to:

- 1 Promote uptake of screening.
- 2 Audit new cancer diagnoses and manage a list of prevalent cancer patients.
- 3 Review NCIN practice profile data to identify practice specific areas for development
- 4 Perform significant event analyses on cases of late cancer presentations.
- 5 Perform enhanced cancer care review with use of tools such as distress thermometer and SPARC questionnaire.
- 6 Evaluate new cancer patients in the context of their co morbidities and personal circumstances to perform a holistic needs assessment.
- 7 Provide opportunities for conversations about prognosis and advance care planning where appropriate.
- 8 Identify carers (who will often be registered at the same practice) and their independent needs.
- 9 Offer annual review to all cancer survivors to discuss the psychological impact of cancer treatment and discussion of side effects and offer lifestyle advice.
- 10 Evaluate the impact of delivering these aims and objectives.