

FUNDING

Suggestions for funding support for this course

Royal College of Nursing
www.rcn.org.uk

Macmillan Cancer Relief
www.macmillan.org.uk

Help the Hospices
www.helpthehospices.org.uk

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The Princess Alice Hospice Certificate in Essential Palliative Care 2008



Esher, Belfast and Birmingham
28 April—25 June
and
29 September—26 November



This eight week, distance learning, multi-professional course only requires attendance at the introductory session and the final assessment day which may take place at:

The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher

OR

Northern Ireland Hospice Care, Belfast

OR

John Taylor Hospice, Birmingham in collaboration with Birmingham St Mary's Hospice

Entry Requirements

In order to undertake the course applicants must be in possession of a relevant professional healthcare qualification and be working in a suitable practice setting.

The course is divided into five sections, each covering different aspects of essential palliative care.

- **Managing Patients with Pain**
- **Palliative Care and the Gastrointestinal System**
- **Breaking Bad News and Ethical Issues**
- **Emergencies in Palliative Care, and Palliative Care in Non-malignant Disease**
- **The Last 48 Hours of Life: Practical Issues and Bereavement**

It is estimated that each section will require approximately 10 hours of work to complete, including watching the DVD programme, reading the course handbook, and reviewing the questions at the end of each section.

ASSESSMENT

- **Portfolio (Case study):** Candidates complete a portfolio of a patient with palliative care needs.
- **Practical (Oral):** There will be a short practical (oral) assessment by a Doctor and Nurse, looking at the knowledge and skills developed during the course.
- **Written:** The one hour written assessment will comprise multiple choice questions of a true/false nature.
- **Key Competency:** A short section on calculating common opioid conversions.

On successful completion of the course assessments, candidates will be awarded The Princess Alice Hospice Certificate in Essential Palliative Care.

- CPD credits for this course are accepted by the Royal College of Physicians
- The course was previously PGEA accredited for 20 hours and is well designed to form part of a GP's Personal Development Plan
- APL Credits at Diploma Level II may be applied for from:
The University of Surrey
The University of Ulster

**COURSE COST: Spring — £300
Autumn — to be confirmed**