



Postgraduate Certificate in Specialty Care (Palliative Care) For Nurses and health professionals

Are you a Registered Nurse or health professional interested in a qualification focusing on palliative care?

This clinically focused postgraduate programme covers the knowledge and skills for current palliative care practice in Aotearoa New Zealand. Learning integrates theory, critical reflection, research and evidence based practice.

This programme is suitable for professionals working with a palliative care focus in hospital setting, aged care settings, community health, hospice, primary health settings.

Entry criteria

- Registered health professional with NZ practicing certificate
- Bachelor's degree (or equivalent)
- Employed in relevant clinical service for three days per week

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Ākonga (learner) enrolls in two courses usually completed in one or up to two years:

HSC8701 The Foundation of Palliative Care 45 credits

Course dates: 26 February-21 June 2024

Block course dates: 26-28 February, 15-17 April 2024

- Palliative care and philosophy and principles
- Psycho-social considerations
- Loss, grief, bereavement
- Spirituality and holistic assessment
- Culturally responsive care
- Therapeutic interventions and treatment modalities

AND

HSC8702 Praxis in Palliative Care 45 credits

Course dates: 08 July-01 November 2024

Block course dates: 08-10 July 2024, 04-06 September 2024

- Quality of life, intimacy and sexuality
- Death, dying, loss and grief
- Therapeutic interventions and treatments
- Medico-legal and ethical issues
- Risks and value of complementary and alternative therapies
- Clinical audit, quality improvements

