

TRANSITION TO SPECIALTY PALLIATIVE CARE PRACTICE

Information and Application Form 2023



Transition to Specialty Palliative Care Practice (TSP)

The course is designed for Registered Nurses (RNs) working in a variety of clinical settings, included but not limited to acute wards, oncology, haematology, chronic disease management, emergency departments, palliative care and community based nursing.

Gippsland Region Palliative Care Consortium (GRPCC) and Palliative Care South East (PCSE) have partnered with Australian College of Nursing (ACN) to develop and deliver the 'Transition to Specialty Palliative Care' course. The goal is to support participants to undertake formal recognised education and development in a supportive environment, which leads to a specialist qualification.

This course will have a mixed mode of delivery, and will include online learning, reflective practice activities, online assessments, and face to face workshops. The content covers symptom management, use of clinical practice guidelines including the physical and psychosocial impacts of life limiting illness on patients, carers and family. Strategies are explored to develop skills in appropriate evidence based care to enable the best possible quality of life for patients and their families.

This course has four full day, face to face workshops and two online workshops, presented by industry leaders and clinical experts in palliative care. Interactive and experiential workshops aim to develop confidence in leadership and patient advocacy. Attendance at all workshops is mandatory. The workshops will be held in Narre Warren and Shepparton (registration at one site only).

Support will be provided through the TSP course to help participants gain the confidence and skills required to undertake further post graduate studies in palliative care. Successful completion of the TSP course will provide recognition of "Principles of Palliative Care", one core unit from the Graduate Certificate in Palliative Care at Australian College of Nursing www.acn.edu.au/education/postgraduate-course/palliative-care Other tertiary institutes may also recognise this subject via Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) at a post graduate AQF 8 level.

Course Funding Details

The cost of this accredited training is \$2750 per person

- The payment for the course is required prior to commencement.
- Nurses are encouraged to pursue scholarships and organisational support to complete this course.

Application Requirements

- All sections of the Application Form must be completed.
- Applications open on October 25, 2022, and will close on January 24th 2023.

- Employing Organisation Declaration of Support form (below) must be completed and signed.
- All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email on or before Friday 27th January 2023.

Selection Criteria- Applicants must:

- Be a registered nurse, and currently working for a health service (hospital or community health) in Victoria
- Not hold any formal post-graduate qualifications in palliative care
- Be employed in a clinical role relevant to the course
- Be supported by their employing health service to attend each workshop in person
- Complete a 250-word summary briefly describing how this course will support their post graduate palliative care study
- Commit to the four face to face workshops and two online workshops commencing February 7th, 2023 (TBC)
- Commit to completing the online component of the Australian College of Nursing course
- Applicants are required to share key learnings of any activities within their organisation and with the GRPCC/PCSE community.

Application Assessment

- Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.
- Individual applications will be assessed against the above selection criteria by the GRPCC/PCSE. A representative may contact the applicant to obtain further information if required.
- Successful applicants must complete all registration requirements and pay the course fees before Friday 3rd February 2023

Application Submission

Completed applications and supporting documentation must be received by the January 24th, 2023, and should be emailed to TSP@pcse.org.au

Applicant summary

Please complete a 250-word summary briefly describing how you think this course will help you to gain the confidence and skills required to undertake further post graduate studies in palliative care.

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1. APPLICANT DETAILS

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	Work:
	Mobile:
Email address:	Private email address (not work)
Position:	
Department:	
Health Service/ Organisation:	
Course Site (Choose one only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Narre Warren <input type="checkbox"/> Shepparton

Individual applicants and organisations will need to negotiate level of support. Study leave requirements will need to encompass four face to face workshops delivered off site, and two online workshops.

Employing Organisation Declaration of Support

Manager Name:		
Organisation		
Position:		
Contact details:	phone	
	mobile	
	email	
<p>I support the application of the participant to complete the Transition to Specialty Practice program 2023 and commit to providing them the time to undertake the four face to face sessions, and two online workshops</p> <p>Signed:</p>		

APPLICANT DECLARATION

I have read and understand the selection criteria. If my application is successful, I agree to

- Commit to the four face to face workshops and two online workshops, commencing 7th February 2023 (TBC)
- Commit to completing the online component (including assessments) of the Australian College of Nursing course
- Share key learnings of any activities within their organisation and with the GRPCC/PCSE community.
- Commit to participate in the evaluation of the course
- Provide payment to PCSE by February 3, 2023

Signature:	
Date:	

2. APPLICATION CONFIRMATION

Applicants will be contacted on or prior January 27th, 2023 to confirm the status of their application.

Proposed workshop dates (subject to change)

Narre Warren

Day	Date	Delivery	Course	ACN assessments
Day 1	07/02/23 or 09/02/23	online	Orientation	TBA
Day 2-	07/03/23	F2F	Introduction to specialty palliative care practice	
Day 3a OR Day 3b	18/04/23 OR 19/04/23	F2F (10 nurses/group) F2F (10 nurses/group)	Communicating with clients, colleagues and teams...	
Day 4	06/06/23	F2F	Symptom Management and priority populations	
Day 5	18/07/23	F2F	Bioethics, VAD, models of care	
Day 6	29/08/23	Online	Project presentation Psychosocial care/self-care	Course completed with all assessments satisfactory

Shepparton

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Day 1	07/02/23 or 09/02/23	online	Orientation	TBA
Day 2-	09/03/23	F2F	Introduction to specialty palliative care practice	
Day 3	27/04/23	F2F	Communicating with clients, colleagues and teams...	
Day 4	08/06/23	F2F	Symptom Management and priority populations	
Day 5	20/07/23	F2F	Bioethics, VAD, models of care	
Day 6	31/08/23	Online	Project presentation Psychosocial care/self-care	Course completed with all assessments satisfactory