

# POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PALLIATIVE CARE

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## Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care (NFQ Level 9, Minor Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Explain the principles of palliative care.
- Describe levels and settings of palliative care within healthcare systems.
- Recognise the importance of collaboration with healthcare professionals from a wide range of disciplines when providing care to people with life-threatening or life-limiting illnesses.
- Reflect on the importance of communication with patients, families and other healthcare professionals in palliative care.
- Discuss the challenges of providing palliative care in a range of malignant and non-malignant diseases.
- Consider general approaches within and beyond their discipline to assessment and management of common problems encountered by people with palliative care needs and their families.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the concept of Total Pain by applying a holistic approach to the assessment and management of pain and other symptoms.
- Critically compare the traditional biomedical care model with the palliative care approach.
- Value the concepts of self-awareness and the importance of self-care as a healthcare professional.