



HPCC Subsidy background and information guide

The University of Melbourne Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care in Shepparton

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Background

The Hume Region Palliative Care Consortium (HPCC) works in partnership with funded palliative care services, clinicians, the Department of Health and Human Services and other stakeholders to achieve a coordinated, integrated and responsive system that provides the highest standard of health care for palliative care patients and families in the Hume region.

A focus for the HPCC is to support the implementation of safe and quality evidence-based end of life and palliative care in the Hume region by encouraging activities that align with the recently released Victorian Department of Health and Human Services - *Victoria's end of life and palliative care framework*.

Acknowledging that palliative care services alone cannot meet the growing demand, the framework sets the direction for people working in the healthcare, human services, social and community sectors in delivering person-centred services that are coordinated and integrated. The framework priority areas are:

- Priority 1: Person-centred services
- Priority 2: Engaging communities, embracing diversity
- Priority 3: People receive services that are coordinated and integrated
- Priority 4: Quality end of life and palliative care is everyone's responsibility
- Priority 5: Specialist palliative care is strengthened

The Hume Region Palliative Care Consortium in collaboration with The University of Melbourne and the Centre for Palliative Care recently investigated the level of interest from health professionals who would like to undertake The University of Melbourne Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care if it was delivered at the University of Melbourne Shepparton Campus. The response was overwhelmingly in favour and the University has now opened enrolments to deliver the course in Shepparton. The training is targeted at health professionals (all disciplines) - Medical, nursing and allied health, who are required to provide palliative care in their work setting.

Course details and enrolment information is available on The University of Melbourne website: <https://commercial.unimelb.edu.au/custom-education/courses/specialist-certificate-in-palliative-care-hume>



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Subsidy opportunity

The Hume Palliative Care Consortium is seeking applications from health professionals who have enrolled in The University of Melbourne Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care course commencing in **Shepparton in March 2019**.

The aim of this subsidy is to bring the course cost for the regional delivery as near to the course cost being delivered in Melbourne.

A subsidy can only be applied for once the student is enrolled and accepted in the course by The University. This ensures all University entry requirements are met.

The subsidy is at minimum \$800 to contribute to the course fee. This amount may increase dependent on the number of enrolments in the course and the number of subsidy applications. The maximum course subsidy is \$1,000.

Applications are encouraged from health professionals:

- demonstrating high levels of engagement with patients and families within a palliative care/palliative approach workplace setting.
- working towards increase skill and knowledge in palliative care with the objective of working in community palliative care or specialist palliative care.
- working towards increased skill and knowledge in palliative care that supports a lead role within the health service inc. in-patient palliative care and residential aged care.
- Medical staff working with Rural and Regional Health Services and/or Residential Aged Care Facilities working towards increased palliative care skills and knowledge.

Subsidy eligibility criteria

Hume Region Palliative Care Consortium course subsidies are provided for **all** health professionals enrolled in the Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care being delivered at the Shepparton Campus of The University of Melbourne.

The health service may be public, not for profit or in the private health sector based in the Hume Region.

Applicants will be working in a field with some access to palliative care clinical setting.

The student must be enrolled in The University of Melbourne Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care course commencing in Shepparton March 14th 2019.

Individuals undertaking the subjects as short courses are not eligible for a subsidy.



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Making an Application

Each student can only apply for one subsidy from the HPCC.

Applications for a subsidy are to be submitted to the Hume Region Palliative Care Consortium Manager via email using the application form by 5.00pm ~~on 14th February 2019.~~ The application form is available on the Hume Region Palliative Care Consortium website.

****Subsidy application close date has been extended to 5.00pm 1st March 2019****

Evidence of course enrolment and acceptance must accompany the application form as confirmation.

Subsidy applications must be signed by a relevant Executive Manager if the student is undertaking the course during work hours and/or if the organisation is funding all or part of the course.

Subsidy funding is a once off, therefore non-recurrent.

Students are asked to declare if they are receiving funding or a subsidy from another source for this course.

The Hume Region Palliative Care Consortium members will evaluate all applications.

Outcomes

The applicant and their Manager where applicable will receive written notification of the subsidy application outcome.

Key Dates

Subsidy applications open - 22/10/2018

Subsidy applications close - 5.00pm, 14/02/2019 (also see dates below)

Notification of outcome - 20/02/2019

Payment of subsidy - after Census date for the course

Dates for applications received after 14th Feb

Subsidy applications open - 22/10/2018

Subsidy applications close - 5.00pm, 01/02/2019

Notification of outcome - 06/03/2019

Payment of subsidy - after Census date for the course



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Submission details

Please submit applications via email to Elizabeth Jenkins, Hume Region Palliative Care Consortia Manager at Elizabeth.jenkins@gvhealth.org.au

Subsidy applications close on ~~Thurs 14th February 2019~~ at 5.00pm

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Further information

Please direct enquiries to:

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Hume Palliative Care Consortia Manager

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