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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 *Victoria's end of life and palliative care framework* (Victorian Department of Health and Human Services).

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 are offering to subsidise health professionals undertaking the University of Melbourne Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care in 2021.

Our previous commitment, holding the course in Shepparton saw 10 health professionals graduate in 2019. In this uncertain time, we are unable to commit to the face to face course in the Hume Region. To continue supporting palliative care professional development we are offering a subsidy to complete the course in line with the University's delivery in Melbourne. Whether that is via an online platform or face to face in Melbourne depends on the environment, government precautions and the Universities directions.

The course is open to 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://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/specialist-certificate-in-palliative-care/>

Subsidy opportunity

The Hume Palliative Care Consortium is offering a subsidy for health professionals working in the Hume Region who have enrolled in The University of Melbourne Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care course commencing in February 2021.

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

The subsidy of \$1,000 is to contribute to the course fee. (Limited places apply)

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 and providing support to 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 health professionals whose workplace is located in the Hume Region and are enrolled in the University of Melbourne Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care in February 2021. (This includes the Albury Campus of Albury Wodonga Health and the Waranga Campus of GV Health). Funding is limited and if capacity is reached, the offer will cease.

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 and accepted in The University of Melbourne Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care course commencing in February 2021.

Making an Application

1. Apply for the Specialist Certificate at the University of Melbourne
2. Email notification to HPCC of your intension to apply for a subsidy
3. Complete the University entry requirements and receive a letter of offer

4. Complete subsidy application form and send to Elizabeth Jenkins with a copy of your letter of offer.
5. Elizabeth Jenkins will contact you advising of next steps.

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 prior to course commencement. The application form is available on the Hume Region Palliative Care Consortium website.

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.

Applications are now open

Course commences 18th February 2021.

Subsidy applications close 30th March 2021.

Subsidies will be paid after the course census date.

Outcomes

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

Submission details

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

Further information

Please direct enquiries to:

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