



Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care

Build upon your therapeutic communication skills and gain essential, highly practical insights into contemporary palliative and end-of-life care. Developed in close partnership with the Centre for Palliative Care, the University of Melbourne's palliative care program is valuable for healthcare professionals of any discipline.

Flexible part-time
options



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Why study Palliative Care?

In our industry-standard course, you will be introduced to the theoretical knowledge and advances that underpin palliative care management. Crucially, you will be able to put this knowledge into practice when you provide care to patients and their families. Designed for currently practising healthcare professionals, this course is flexible in delivery, allowing you to fit part-time study within your busy schedule.

Centre for Palliative Care

Our program is delivered in partnership with the Centre for Palliative Care, which is part of St Vincent's Hospital and a collaborative centre of the University of Melbourne. The Centre plays a pivotal role in the development and delivery of state-wide training and education programs for health professionals from a variety of disciplines. As a student at the University of Melbourne, you will benefit from this industry partnership and have access to a vital professional network. You will learn from academic and clinical experts and study alongside an engaged and diverse peer group.

What will you learn?

The course explores the core concepts of palliative care including evidence based symptom management, communication skills, non-malignant palliative illnesses, psychosocial issues and the role of the family caregiver. The Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care is an ideal introduction to palliative and end-of-life care for all health professionals.

“The networking, mentoring, and support you receive from the course coordinators are so valuable. This course also helps and guides everyone to share and learn from other people’s experiences. I recommend anyone who is interested in palliative care to study at the University of Melbourne.”



Duangchan,
Palliative care nurse,
Graduate

Who is this course for?

The course is the industry standard for health professionals in all disciplines working with patients who are likely to benefit from the palliative approach. The program is valuable for doctors, nurses, social workers, physiotherapists, psychologists, occupational therapists, pastoral care workers, music and art therapists, working in any setting. The clinical settings of previous students include: palliative care, aged care, community care, general practice, paediatrics and acute care – as well as emergency department and intensive care unit.

Entry requirements

To be considered for entry, applicants must have:

- » An undergraduate degree or equivalent qualification in medicine, nursing, allied health profession, science or social science, and
- » Documented evidence of at least one year relevant professional work experience in a medical, nursing, scientific or allied health environment, and
- » Be employed in a clinical setting

Meeting these requirements does not guarantee selection. In ranking and/or assessing applications, the Selection Committee will consider:

- » Prior academic qualification and performance; and
- » The professional experience.

Applicants are also required to satisfy the University’s English language requirements for postgraduate courses (equivalent to Academic Board performance band 6.5).

Fees and course structure

Course	Structure	Elective Subjects	Time	Fees
Specialist Certificate in Palliative Care	One core subject » Fundamentals of Palliative Care One elective subject	» Adult Palliative Care » Psychosocial Aspects of Palliative Care	6 months part-time	AUD\$6,272

Key dates

Term	Intake
Summer	February

Need more information?

Contact one of our dedicated Student Support team members on **+ 61 3 8344 0149** (Mon to Fri, 8am–9pm, weekends and public holidays 10am–5pm AEST/AEDT) or via email **continuing-education@unimelb.edu.au**

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