As leaders in palliative care, Northern Ireland Hospice's education and research portfolio is constantly expanding to meet the changing needs in today's Health Service and beyond. Our education department continues to deliver high quality courses in palliative and end of life care to the benefit of external delegates and our own staff.

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Course Overview

The majority of healthcare professionals working in hospitals, primary care facilities and the community are dealing with patients who have dementia on a regular basis. The 8-week distance learning European Certificate in Holistic Dementia Care is aimed specifically at helping healthcare professionals effectively treat this group of patients and support those who matter to them.

The focus of this certificate is to address the needs and challenges of providing palliative and end-of-life care to people with dementia. Issues addressed will include areas such as symptom management, clinical challenges, ethical dilemmas, communication issues, managing distressing behaviour, with the overall aim being to improve the quality of care in dementia.

Attendance is required at the introductory evening session, which can be attended via video conference, with the final assessment day at your chosen venue.

The course is divided into 11 sections, each covering the principles and practice for delivering end-of-life care to patients with dementia.

- What is Dementia and Palliative Care
- Communication and Assessment
- Management of Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms in Dementia
- Managing Pain
- Physical Symptom Management in Dementia Care
- Caring for the Carers
- End of Life Care
- Choice, Capacity, Care & the Law

It is estimated that each of the eight weeks of the course will require approximately 10 hours of work to complete.

Entry Requirements

In order to undertake the course applicants must be working in a suitable practice setting, for example, in an acute hospital, nursing home or hospice, community setting and should have direct contact with patients who have dementia.

Assessment

Portfolio: candidates will write a case study demonstrating personal and professional reflection about the management of a patient with dementia needs within a palliative care setting.

Written Examination: the 90 minute written assessment will comprise of multiple choice questions and short note questions in response to a video scenario.

Cost: £400

CPD applied for

Venues:
- Northern Ireland Hospice, Belfast
- Milford Care Centre, Limerick
- Our Lady’s Hospice, Dublin
- The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, Surrey