



Harold's Cross
Blackrock
Wicklow
Respite Rehabilitation Reassurance

Dublin Certificate in Evidence based Palliative Care



Overview of the course

The aim of the Dublin Certificate in Evidence Based Palliative Care is to provide doctors (particularly general practitioners), nurses, physiotherapists, dieticians, social workers and occupational therapists with an opportunity to develop their theoretical knowledge in palliative care symptom management.

It is an exciting opportunity for healthcare professionals, whether new to specialist palliative care or those working in non-specialist care areas, to enhance their confidence and skills.

The programme also aims to optimise the quality of life of patients with life-limiting conditions, regardless of healthcare setting, by improving the skills and knowledge of healthcare professionals in providing a holistic palliative approach to care.

The course will adopt a blended learning approach over a period of 12 weeks, exploring the principles of palliative care. In-person classes will take place in the Education & Research Centre at Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services in Harold's Cross, Dublin.

I found the course hugely beneficial, as the content is very appropriate for my work. It provided up to date information on management of the main symptoms we encounter and it was convenient as each weekly lecture only lasted one hour and was delivered by practicing clinical experts in a way that was very easy to understand.

Night Nurse with the Irish Cancer Society

How you will learn

A 12-week blended learning programme, covering the major topics of palliative care, delivered both in the classroom and online. This course is led by:

- Dr Michael Connolly, Joint Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing, UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems and Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services
- Professor Andrew Davies, Professor of Palliative Medicine at Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin, and Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services



Topics will include

- Pain management
- Respiratory symptoms
- Gastrointestinal symptoms
- Non-malignant conditions
- Palliative care emergencies
- Communication
- Ethical issues
- Palliative care at end of life

Key details

Dates:

- Autumn 2026 course dates: 15 September - 1 December 2026, with in-person dates on:
 - Tuesday 15 September from 9.30am to 1pm
 - Tuesday 13 October from 9.30am to 5pm
 - Tuesday 1 December from 9.30am to 1.30pm

Investment:

- Course Fee: €450 (Please note that there is an additional fee of €25 required to process an invoice, which does not apply to online applications.)

Enquiries:

- For more information, please email education@olh.ie or call (01) 491 2587



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