

DAY RELEASE - CERTIFICATE COURSE IN PALLIATIVE NURSING for Professional and Enrolled Nurses

WHAT IS PALLIATIVE CARE?

The WHO defines palliative care as “an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families’ facing problems associated with life – threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering, the early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual”.

The goal of palliative care is the achievement of the best quality of life for patients and their families. Palliative care is not limited to end of life care; many aspects of palliative care are also applicable earlier in the course of the patient’s illness in conjunction with other treatments.

Palliative care is an integral part of every nurse’s role. This course equips the nurse with a set of competencies required to provide quality palliative care services and education at all levels and settings of care.

This certificate course is a combination of theory, practice and clinical work which aims to improve patient care through improved palliative nursing knowledge, skills and performance.

WHO SHOULD ENROLL?

This course is open to all professional and enrolled nurses registered with the South African Nursing Council.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE ENTAIL?

Course work is divided into 4 modules.

- Module 1: Principles and practice of palliative care.
- Module 2: Theory and practice of symptom control.
- Module 3: Communication skills in palliative care.
- Module 4: Theory and practice of psychosocial, spiritual and supportive care.

In order, to receive a certificate of competence learners need to meet the following requirements:

Contact teaching

- Attend weekly contact teaching sessions. (usually a Thursday)
- Attend a minimum of 80% of all contact teaching.

Clinical work

- 60 hours of clinical work must be completed at approved sites. These hours are in addition to the contact teaching time. (Candidates are advised to discuss this with their employers.)

Workplace tasks

- Learners are required to complete prescribed palliative nursing tasks within their own work environment.

Communication assessment

- A role play interview is used to assess communication skills and attitudes.

Final written examination

- This is an examination conducted nationally.

- Learners must have completed prescribed formative assessments, in order, to write the examination.

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION: 29 November 2024

CONTACT TEACHING DATES

Module 1: 6 February – 13 March 2025	Clinical Practical's: 20 June – 16 July 2025
Module 2: 20 March – 19 June 2025	Module 4: 21 August – 18 September 2025
Module 3: 17 July – 14 August 2025	Revision: 25 September – 9 October 2025

MODULE ASSESSMENT TASKS COMPLETED

Module 1: 20 March 2025	Module 3: 21 August 2025
Module 2: 19 June 2025	Module 4: 25 September 2025

COMPLETED COMMUNICATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT

13 October 2025 (First assessment option 28 August 2025)

COMPLETED CLINICAL AND WORKPLACE TASKS

18 September 2025

FINAL WRITTEN EXAMINATION

14 October 2025

19 November 2025 – Rewrite by invitation only

COURSE FEE

R 30, 000.00 (Inclusive of VAT)

- A non-refundable deposit of R1000 payable on registration
- The balance of R29, 000.00 is payable by 31 March 2025

Banking details for deposit and course fee payment

Please request information from Mercia Renney

Email: training@apcc.org.za

Email proof of payment to

Mercia Renney

Email: training@apcc.org.za

Educational Grant

Association of Palliative Care Centres is offering a limited number of partial educational grants subject to approval for 2025. All applicants are eligible to apply, but preference is given to APCC Member NGO staff. This grant will cover tuition fees in part but does not extend to travel, accommodation and other costs.

Applications for grants must be made by 29 November 2024

Grant application forms can be obtained from:

Mercia Renney

Tel: 064 380 0457

Email: training@apcc.org.za



Registration form 2025 - CCPN

Certain student information is required to enable APCC to report on student achievements to the authorities as required. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring that our records are complete

Day Release <input type="checkbox"/>		Block Learning <input type="checkbox"/>		E-Learning <input type="checkbox"/>			
Title		Initials		First Name			
Preferred Name				Male / Female			
Surname		SANC number					
Qualification(s)		Professional Nurse <input type="checkbox"/>		Enrollec Nurse <input type="checkbox"/>			
ID Number							
Current Occupation							
Name of facility you work in							
Contact Numbers	Work	Code	Number		How did you hear about the course: <input type="checkbox"/> APCC Website <input type="checkbox"/> UCT <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth		
	Home	Code	Number				
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Postal Address							
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Province		Country					
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Province		Country					
Professional Qualification (Select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Nurse			<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled Nurse			
In which ONE functional area do you spend most of your working day?	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical		<input type="checkbox"/> Research		<input type="checkbox"/> Management		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Education		<input type="checkbox"/> Other				
Workplace Demographics	Select the ONE sector that best describes your main workplace		<input type="checkbox"/> NGO		<input type="checkbox"/> FBO (Faith based)	<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Clinic		<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital		<input type="checkbox"/> DCS
	Select your main area of work		<input type="checkbox"/> Urban area		<input type="checkbox"/> Rural area	<input type="checkbox"/> Peri-Urban area	
			District:		Province:		
Level of care	<input type="checkbox"/> PHC		<input type="checkbox"/> CHC		<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital		<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Race	<input type="checkbox"/> Black		<input type="checkbox"/> Asian		<input type="checkbox"/> Coloured		<input type="checkbox"/> White
Facebook Username:			Twitter Username:				
WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND THIS COURSE?							
<input type="checkbox"/> PTA	<input type="checkbox"/> JHB	<input type="checkbox"/> KZN	<input type="checkbox"/> Port Shepstone	<input type="checkbox"/> Port Elizabeth	<input type="checkbox"/> Cape Town	<input type="checkbox"/> Robertson	
PAYMENT DETAIL							
Payment Method:		<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Transfer			<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Deposit		
BANKING DETAILS: Please request information from Mercia Renney Email: training@apcc.org.za				EMAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TOGETHER WITH YOUR PROOF OF PAYMENT TO: Mercia Renney Email: training@apcc.org.za			
CANCELLATIONS: APCC reserves the right to cancel or postpone a course. Applicants will be informed, and all fees will be refunded. Cancellations are accepted in writing and without penalty until 31 March 2025, however, students will be responsible to pay for all training material received as well as a pro rata fee for classes attended. Substitutions are accepted.				Registration closing date: 29 NOVEMBER 2024 ALL COURSE FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY 31 MARCH 2025.			
PAYMENT REFERENCE							
NAME & SURNAME – CCPN2025							
SUBSCRIPTION							
Signature						Date:	