E-LEARNING - 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 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 currently registered with the South African Nursing Council.
It is recommended that the blended e-learning student have access to computers and is computer literate.

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 sessions and on-line learning
- Attend 3 contact sessions at a hospice training centre.
  - One full day of orientation. If unable to attend orientation day, alternative arrangements will be made to communicate via Zoom
  - One **compulsory** oral assessment OSCE at the nearest Centre of Palliative Care Learning by arrangement with the student's Educator.
  - One **compulsory day** of final summative exam.
- Must engage in a minimum of 80% of all forum discussions on-line according to each of the four modules.
(The course content will be available online and the learners will receive hard copy manuals (1-4), an assessment guide and a workplace task booklet.)
Clinical work
- 60 hours of clinical work must be completed at approved sites. These hours are in addition to the contact and on-line learning time. (Learners are advised to discuss this with their employers.)
Learner assessments
- Assessment of learning is integrated into the course.
- Assignments are submitted to Nurse Educators electronically, by mail or by hand where feasible.
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 complete formative assessments during the year, in order to write the examination.

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION: 29 November 2024

CONTACT TEACHING DATES	
E-learning student Orientation Date: 6 or 11 February 2025 by the arranged date at the Centre of Palliative Care Learning.	
Module 1: Content available on-line from 6 February 2025	**Clinical Practical's:** By student's arrangements, with tutor to assist
Module 2: Content available on-line from 20 March 2025	**Module 4: Content available on-line from 7** August 2025
Module 3: Content available on-line from 12 June 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 opportunity 28 August 2025) at a hospice training centre	
COMPLETED CLINICAL AND WORKPLACE TASKS	
18 September 2025	
FINAL WRITTEN EXAMINATION	
14 October 2025 at a hospice training centre.	
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 will be 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 19 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 HPCA to report on student achievements to the authorities as required. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring that our records are complete.

Day Release ☐		Block Learning ☐		E-Learning ☐

Title	Initials		First Name
Preferred Name		Male / Female	
Surname		SANC number	
Qualification(s)		Professional Nurse ☐	Enrolled Nurse ☐
ID Number			
Current Occupation			
Name of facility you work in			

Contact Numbers

Work		Code	Number	**How did you hear about the course:**
Home		Code	Number	☐ APCC Website
Fax		Code	Number	☐ Facebook ☐ Twitter
Cell		e-mail		☐ E-mail ☐ Word of mouth

Postal Address

Area		Town		Code	
Province		Country			

Physical Address

Area		Town		Code	
Province		Country			

Professional Qualification (Select one)	☐ Professional Nurse		☐ Enrolled Nurse
In which ONE functional area do you spend most of your working day?	☐ Clinical	☐ Research	☐ Management
	☐ Education	☐ Other	

Workplace Demographics

Select the ONE sector that best describes your main workplace	☐ NGO	☐ FBO (Faith based)	☐ Private sector
	☐ Clinic	☐ Hospital	☐ DCS
Select your main area of work	☐ Urban area	☐ Rural area	☐ Peri-Urban area
	District:	Province:	

Level of care	☐ PHC	☐ CHC	☐ Hospital	☐ Other:
Race	☐ Black	☐ Asian	☐ Coloured	☐ White

Facebook Username: _____ **Twitter Username:** _____

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND THIS COURSE?

☐ PTA	☐ JHB	☐ KZN	☐ Port Shepstone	☐ Port Elizabeth	☐ Cape Town	☐ Robertson

PAYMENT DETAIL

Payment Method: ☐ Electronic Transfer ☐ 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: _____