

## 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: 28 November 2025

#### CONTACT TEACHING DATES

**E-learning student Orientation Date:** 5 or 12 February 2026 by the arranged date at the Centre of Palliative Care Learning.

<b>Module 1: Content available on-line from 5 February 2026</b>	<b>Clinical Practical's:</b> By student's arrangements, with tutor to assist
<b>Module 2: Content available on-line from 19 March 2026</b>	<b>Module 4: Content available online from 6 August 2026</b>
<b>Module 3: Content available on-line from 13 June 2026</b>	<b>Revision:</b> 24 September – 8 October 2026

#### MODULE ASSESSMENT TASKS COMPLETED

Module 1: 20 March 2026	Module 3: 21 August 2026
Module 2: 19 June 2026	Module 4: 25 September 2026

#### COMPLETED COMMUNICATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT

13 October 2026 (Previous assessment opportunity 4 & 25 September 2026) at a hospice training centre

#### COMPLETED CLINICAL AND WORKPLACE TASKS

17 September 2026

#### FINAL WRITTEN EXAMINATION

13 October 2026 at a hospice training centre.

18 November 2026 - 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 2026

#### 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

The Association of Palliative Care Centres is offering a limited number of partial educational grants subject to approval for 2026. 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 January 2026

**Grant application forms can be obtained from:**

Mercia Renney

Tel: 064 380 0457

Email: training@apcc.org.za

## Registration Form 2026 – 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.

<b>Day Release</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Block Learning</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>E-Learning</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Title		Initials		First Name	
Preferred Name		Male / Female			
Surname		SANC number			
Qualification(s)		Professional Nurse <input type="checkbox"/>		Enrolled 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:	
	Home	Code	Number	<input type="checkbox"/> APCC Website	
	Fax	Code	Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cell	e-mail		<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth	
Postal Address					
Area		Town		Code	
Province		Country			
Physical Address					
Area		Town		Code	
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
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:		
<b>WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND THIS COURSE?</b>					
<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
<b>PAYMENT DETAIL</b>					
Payment Method:		<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Transfer		<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Deposit	
<b>BANKING DETAILS:</b> Please request information from Mercia Renney Email: <a href="mailto:training@apcc.org.za">training@apcc.org.za</a>			<b>EMAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TOGETHER WITH YOUR PROOF OF PAYMENT TO: Mercia Renney</b> Email: <a href="mailto:training@apcc.org.za">training@apcc.org.za</a>		
<b>CANCELLATIONS:</b> 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 29 March 2026, 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.			<b>Registration closing date: 28 NOVEMBER 2026</b> <b>ALL COURSE FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY 31 MARCH 2026.</b>		
<b>PAYMENT REFERENCE</b>					
NAME & SURNAME – CCPN2026					
<b>SUBSCRIPTION</b>					
Signature				Date:	