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<p>ABOUT US:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa's leading Postgraduate Diploma in Paediatric Palliative Care (PPC) • Only University providing postgraduate education in PPC in South Africa • Developed out of Adult Palliative Medicine Diploma with exclusive focus on the care of children since 2017 • Lead by multi-disciplinary team of lecturers (Paediatricians, Paeds MO, nurse, social worker) ensuring that students are evaluated within their scope of practice 	<p>ENTRY CRITERIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to all Child Health Care professionals with qualification relevant to Palliative Care: Paediatricians, GPs, Nurses, Social Workers, Allied Health Practitioners, Pharmacists, Psychologists, Therapists, Clergy etc. • RPL- Recognition of Prior Learning process available for professionals with College Qualifications • English Proficiency • Computer literacy • Internet Access • Working in or access to Child Health Care facility
<p>KEY TOPICS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Paediatric Palliative Care • Self-care, boundaries and resilience • Dignity, Child-rights and Ethics • Communication Skills • Team work • Psycho-social assessment and care • Spiritual assessment and care • Palliative care and advance care planning • Grief, loss and bereavement • Pharmacology and prescribing in palliative care (for prescribers only) • Pain and symptom assessment and Management • End-of-life and terminal care • Perinatal and adolescent palliative care • Palliative Care in specific Paediatric Conditions: communicable and non-communicable diseases • Palliative Care Emergencies 	<p>FORMAT OF LEARNING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 year Diploma (Jan to Nov) • One contact week in Cape Town/year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-to-face lectures, simulations, class discussions in January • On-line learning (Amathuba platform): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortnightly lessons • Monthly class discussions • Assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Assignments/year • End of -year Exams • 2026: In person (November)- includes communication assessment • 2027: on-line written exam • Portfolio of evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of application of learning to clinical setting
<p>COST: Approximate (awaiting new fees to be set)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course fees- R 30 000 per year • International fee (non-SADC countries) - R 60 000 • International fee (rest of world): R 80 000 • Footprints4Sam, Global Partners and Palprac bursaries • St Judes by invitation only • Enquire also from your hospital's skills levy Fund 	<p>IMPORTANT DATES:</p> <p>Applications close: 30 October 2025</p> <p>January Contact weeks: 19 – 23 January 2026 : 18 – 22 January 2027</p> <p>Nov exams (In-person): 5 – 6 November 2026</p> <p>Apply through UCT on-line application portal http://applyonline.uct.ac.za</p> <p>Email for assistance: Debbie.Moodie@uct.ac.za</p>