

European Certificate in Essential Palliative Care

Information for Candidates

Who is the course for?

Suitable for medical, nursing staff and allied healthcare professionals including nursing and physician associates. All candidates should have direct contact with patients receiving end-of-life care. Free places are only available for non-NHS staff working in care homes, hospices, social care and the voluntary sector.

What support will I receive?

- Candidates will receive the **Course Handbook** containing the core text material
- Access to the Princess Alice Hospice **virtual learning site** www.learningzone.pah.org.uk
- Each candidate will be allocated an experienced **facilitator** in specialist palliative care who will be available via email or telephone
- Optional practical **online sessions** supporting preparation for the assessments.

How will I be assessed?

Portfolio: Based on a patient the candidate has cared for with palliative care needs, the 2,500 word portfolio should include the effect it has on both a personal and professional level. It should be supported by literature and demonstrate how the learning will influence future care.

Written Exam: There will be a 45 minute examination, which will include short true / false questions covering the principles of palliative care explored in the Course Handbook. It will also include four questions on common opioid dose conversions.

Practical / verbal (Viva): This is a short verbal assessment exploring the knowledge and skills developed during the course.

Assessment day

Candidates will complete the written exam and practical Viva on this day.

Attendance is **compulsory** and candidates will access it online/virtually

Access to a **computer/laptop** with a **camera** and **microphone** is required. (smartphones not applicable)

How long is the course? 8 weeks

What is my commitment?

As well as attendance at the assessment day, it is recommended candidates carry out around **50 hours** personal study, this will vary depending on previous experience of palliative care.

Where does the course run?

The course is centrally run by Princess Alice Hospice in Esher, Surrey, but the **West Yorkshire and Harrogate** local site is run by **St. Gemma's Hospice, Leeds**.

Key Dates:

19 April 2021	Spring 2021 course - introductory session
21 May 2021	Submission of formative portfolio to facilitators
4 June 2021	Submission of summative portfolio for grading
16 June 2021	Assessment day

How do I apply ?

Download the application form from the St Gemma's website

Ensure this is signed off by your line manager and returned to janec@st-gemma.co.uk

Closing Date: Tuesday 26th January 2021

Due to limited places the applications will be processed and successful candidates will be offered a place by the first week in **February**

On completion of the course candidates are awarded the Princess Alice Hospice:

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It will contribute to:

NMC revalidation for Nurses

Royal College of Physicians CPD Credits for doctors

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