

European Certificate in Essential Palliative Care (ECEPC)

8-week distance learning course for healthcare professionals



Who is the course for?

Suitable for medical and nursing staff, paramedics, allied health professionals including nursing and physician associates from acute, community and hospice settings. **All candidates should have direct contact with patients receiving end of life care.**

What support will I receive?

- Candidates will receive the **Course Handbook** containing the core text material
- Access to the Princess Alice Hospice **virtual learning** www.learningzone.pah.org.uk
- Each candidate will be allocated an **experienced facilitator** in specialist palliative care who will be available on email or telephone

Where does the course run?

The **course runs twice a year** – Spring and Autumn and is co-ordinated by Princess Alice Hospice in Esher. It is also run at; Birmingham, Berkhamsted, Malta, Northern Ireland, Leeds, Aberdeen, Kent, Shrewsbury and Eire.

Please note that attendance on assessment day is mandatory. Arrangements will be made for the assessment day to be virtual attendance (due to COVID-19 restrictions)

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 one-hour 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.

There may be some changes to the format of the written and practical exams (due to COVID-19 restrictions)

We recommend that you carry out 50-hours of personal study.

How much does it cost?

Fee: £475

How do I register my interest?

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