

Postgraduate Study at the School of Nursing



Postgraduate Palliative Care Nursing Course - 2014

In Semester Two, 2014 a Postgraduate Palliative Care Nursing Course is being offered at Auckland.

NURSING 730 Specialty Nursing Knowledge and Practice - Palliative Care Nursing (30 points)

Palliative care is becoming more specialised due to advances in health science, technology and therapeutic interventions. Nurses require specialty knowledge and skills to care effectively for clients with a life limiting illness. The need for palliative care is increasing worldwide as a result of the aging population and the increasing prevalence of chronic diseases.

The nursing workforce has a significant role in providing palliative care for people with a range of different diagnoses working across a variety of clinical settings. All nurses require specialty knowledge and science to effectively care for people with a life limiting illness.

This course focuses on specialty based scientific concepts, knowledge and skills in palliative care nursing. Integration and application of these concepts to client care will be a component of this course.

Course objectives are to ...

- Increase nurses' specialty knowledge and skills in order to enable them to plan and deliver client-centred care to clients with a lifetime illness.
- Increase knowledge around advanced nursing roles, pathophysiology, client assessment and client management.
- Increase the understanding around the wider context of palliative care nursing and the health care experience of the client and family.
- Increase nurses' understanding and application of core nursing concepts such as ethics, caring and culture in the specialty practice area of palliative care nursing and in a wider sociopolitical context.

The timetable includes a range of clinical experts and class days and encourages networking amongst the group. The course consists of 3 study day blocks (6 study days in total for the course). Course dates and venue to be confirmed.

The Palliative Care Nursing course (30 points) can be combined with other courses to make up a Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (Advanced Nursing) (60 points).

All Students are encouraged to seek individual academic advice about courses that reflect personal preferences.

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For information about courses, dates, study skill workshops see our website

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All of our courses lead to qualifications that are approved by the Nursing Council of New Zealand and therefore are eligible for funding by Health Workforce New Zealand. Contact your local DHB HWNZ Co-ordinator.