

CERTIFICATE FOR MODULE (PALLIATIVE AND END-OF-LIFE CARE FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS)

(證書 (單元：醫護專業人員紓緩治療及安寧照顧))

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Elevate your clinical practice with this highly specialized 8-month academic programme. Specifically designed for healthcare professionals who care for patients facing palliative and end-of-life conditions across various care settings, this module delivers a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted needs of individuals with terminal illnesses. By bridging advanced medical theory with compassionate care strategies, the programme empowers practitioners to formulate and implement the most effective support systems for both patients and their families.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This programme is tailored for registered practitioners seeking to enhance their professional capabilities in palliative and end-of-life care. Eligible applicants must hold a bachelor's degree awarded by a recognised institution and belong to one of the following disciplines:

- Registered Nurses (registered with the Nursing Council of Hong Kong).
- Allied Healthcare Professionals, explicitly including: Dietitians, Social Workers, Clinical Psychologists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Pharmacists, Speech Therapists, and Chinese Medicine Practitioners.

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion, students will be clinically and academically equipped to:

- Apply the fundamental philosophies and guiding principles of palliative care to analyse their influence on patient care delivery.
- Evaluate patients' needs by assessing their bio-psycho-social, cultural, and spiritual dimensions.
- Critically review relevant ethical and legal issues, and integrate therapeutic communication and basic counselling into palliative care plans.
- Construct a comprehensive, holistic care plan to support patients receiving end-of-life care, their families, and the bereaved.
- Critically evaluate the care outcomes of interventions for terminal illnesses.

CURRICULUM STRUCTURE (QF Level 6)

The robust curriculum integrates advanced theoretical instruction with essential clinical application.

1. Theoretical Component: Delivers an extensive, evidence-based syllabus covering service models, symptom and pain management, emergencies in palliative care, and the complexities of holistic care for the ageing population. Key topics include critical life and death issues such as Advance Care Planning (ACP) and Advance Directives (AD), alongside psychospiritual care and grief support. The curriculum explicitly highlights a multidisciplinary collaborative approach, including dedicated modules on Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nutritional Assessment, and Chinese Medicine in palliative care.

2. Clinical Component: To ensure the practical application of holistic care models, Registered Nurses must complete 40 hours of clinical practicum, while other allied healthcare professionals are required to complete an 8-hour structured clinical attachment.

ESSENTIAL PROGRAMME DETAILS

- Commencement Date: 26 June 2026 (Friday).
- Duration & Mode: 8 months, Part-time. Delivery via face-to-face seminars, interactive class discussions, and clinical practicum/attachment.
- Class Schedule: Friday evenings (6:45pm – 9:45pm) and occasional Saturdays.
- Language of Instruction: English.
- Assessment & Award: Assessment is based on examinations, coursework assignments, and clinical performance. A minimum of 70% overall attendance and full attendance in the clinical component are required to earn the Certificate within the HKU system.

FEES & APPLICATION

- Course Fee: HK\$17,430.
- Application Fee: HK\$150 (Non-refundable).
- Application Deadline: 18 May 2026 (Monday).
- Programme Code: HS245A | Application Code: 2390-HS245A.

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