



# International Institute of Palliative & Supportive Studies

## Distance Education Course in Palliative Care Nursing

### ❖ **Who is the course for?**

The Distance Education Course in Palliative Care Nursing designed for nurses in all workplaces, whether it be acute care, aged care, a palliative service, or in a community setting.  
Pre-requisites: You need to be either an Enrolled or Registered nurse.

### ❖ **What is the aim of the course?**

The course will give students the opportunity to improve their knowledge in the field of palliative care, while studying at their own pace, in their own time.

### ❖ **How long is the course?**

A study period of 16 weeks, which will require up to 8 hours of study and writing per week.

### ❖ **How much does it cost?**

The current fee is \$750.00 (as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013)\*\*

### ❖ **What do I get for my money?**

1. A Study Guide to guide and assist learning.
2. A Book of Readings with required readings which are not freely available online.
3. Access to a personal tutor who has experience in palliative care education. This tutor is available to assist with any problems or difficulties with the course content
4. A Certificate of Achievement on completion which will show your final grade and a list of the topics covered in the course.

### ❖ **Do I need any other resources?**

1. Access to a computer and the internet. (*If this will cause difficulties, please contact the Course Coordinator*).
2. Access to a copy of *Therapeutic Guidelines: Palliative Care, Version 3, 2010*, published by Therapeutic Guidelines Ltd, Melbourne, Australia. To purchase either a hard copy or online access please email [sales@tg.com.au](mailto:sales@tg.com.au) or call Freecall 1800 061 260.

### ❖ **How is the course assessed?**

1. Assessment 1: 2000 words and worth 40% of your total mark. It is due at 8 weeks into the course
2. Assessment 2: 2500 words and worth 60% of your total mark. This is due on completion of the course.
3. Four 'Reflective' pieces – these are required but not graded and are to be sent in with your submission for Assessment 2.

A grade of 50% or higher for each assessment piece will determine successful completion of the course.

### ❖ **When Can I Start?**

You can begin the course at any time which suits you.

#### **For more information please contact: Distance Education Course Coordinator**

International Institute of Palliative & Supportive Studies, Flinders University, GPO Box 2100, Adelaide SA, 5001  
Located: Level 2, Health Sciences Building Repatriation General Hospital, Daws Road, DAW PARK SA 5041

Phone: (08) 7221 8229

Email: [iipss@flinders.edu.au](mailto:iipss@flinders.edu.au)

#### **Website:**

<http://flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/palliative-and-supportive-services/education/coursework-degrees.cfm>

\*\* Please note that all information contained in this flyer is correct as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013. All information is subject to change. Please check our website for up-to-date information.\*\*

***Topics Covered in the  
Distance Education Course in Palliative Care Nursing***

**Module 1**

Introduction to Palliative Care

**Module 2**

Communication, Caring, & Ethics

**Module 3**

Palliative Care for Patients with Cancer

**Module 4**

Palliative Care for Patients with a Non-Cancer Diagnosis

**Module 5**

Pain Management, Medical Emergencies & Metabolic Conditions

**Module 6**

Upper, Mid and Lower Gastrointestinal Problems

**Module 7**

Management of Respiratory Problems

**Module 8**

Part 1: Nutrition and Hydration; Lymphoedema;

Wound Management & Delirium

Part 2: Care in the Last Days and Hours of Life

**Module 9**

Spirituality; Culture; Sexuality & Complementary Therapies

**Module 10**

Loss, Grief and Bereavement



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## Distance Education Course in Palliative Care Nursing Registration Form

*Please print clearly thank you*

Title:	Surname / Family Name:	Given Name:	
Home Address:		State:	Postcode:
Email Address:		Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:

### REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Please complete this Registration Form and send to:

POST: Distance Education Course Coordinator,  
International Institute of Palliative and Supportive Studies,  
Palliative and Supportive Services  
(Located at Level 2, Health Sciences Building, Repatriation General Hospital)  
Flinders University  
GPO Box 2100, ADELAIDE SA 5001

EMAIL: [iipss@flinders.edu.au](mailto:iipss@flinders.edu.au)

FAX: 08 7221 8208

### COURSE FEES:

As at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 the course fee is \$750.00

Once your registration has been accepted you will be advised of the link by which you can make secure online payment.

If you prefer to pay by cheque or money order these should be made payable to **Flinders University** and sent to the above address.

*(Please note: Once study materials have been issued, fees are non-refundable)*

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# Distance Education Course in Palliative Care Nursing Student Information

We would like to get to know you.

Why are you interested in studying this course (i.e. is this study purely for your own interest/professional development)?
Have you had any previous tertiary experience? If (yes) please state: <b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>
Do you intending to proceed to post-graduate education on successful completion of this course? <b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>
If yes, what are your intended study plans?
What are your current nursing qualifications?
Where are you currently employed?
In what capacity?
A very brief resume of your most recent 5 years of employment.
Do you have any anxieties about undertaking this study? If so, please give a brief explanation.
How did you find out about this course?
Who is funding this study for you (self-funded/employer)