

# End of Life and Palliative Care Education Pathways in the ACT



**Learning Outcome: to be able to deliver a culturally appropriate palliative care approach for all people with a life-limiting illness, their families, and carers.**



The ACT Health Directorate and other services such as Calvary Public Hospital Bruce are committed to providing quality end of life and palliative care. To assist staff to provide such care that meets patient and family/carer needs as well as accreditation requirements, the following End of Life and Palliative Care Education Pathways are recommended.

All training / education must be approved by the trainee's manager and completed training/ education must be recorded on each organisations learning platform. For external courses, the trainee will need to provide their completion certificate to their Clinical Development Nurse or Manager. If there is no one available in the trainee's area.

Further information on the ACT End of Life and Palliative Care Education Pathway contact [toni.ashmore@act.gov.au](mailto:toni.ashmore@act.gov.au).

## Recommended Modules

### Community Pharmacy

Staff Group	Education	Delivery	Time frame	Pre-Requisite
Community Pharmacists	<a href="#">End of Life Essentials Modules</a> Complete all modules under <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Understanding death and dying</li> <li>» Clinical Skills with end of life care</li> </ul> Complete optional modules recommended depending on work area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» End of Life care with different patients</li> </ul> OR	Online	20 min per module	Nil
	<a href="#">NSW Clinical Excellence Commission and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) Community Pharmacists Palliative Care Essential CPE</a>	Online	3 hours	
	Responding to end of life and palliative care needs in the Community Pharmacy setting – PEPA	Face to face	4 hours	Nil
	<a href="#">End of Life Law for Clinicians (ELLC)</a>	Online	Flexible	Nil
	<a href="#">RACGP Guidelines – Palliative Care</a>	Online	Flexible	Nil
	<a href="#">Gold Standards Prognostic Indicators</a> OR <a href="#">PEPSICOLA framework</a>	Online	Flexible	Nil

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Community Pharmacists	<p>Relevant Health Pathway resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <a href="#">Advance Care Planning</a></li> <li>» <a href="#">Management of the Terminal Phase</a> - this pathway provides links to other relevant pathways such as the <a href="#">Palliative Care Pain Management</a> pathway</li> <li>» <a href="#">Palliative Care Pain Medications</a></li> </ul> <p><a href="https://actsnsw.communityhealthpathways.org/13454.htm">https://actsnsw.communityhealthpathways.org/13454.htm</a></p> <p>Username: together ; Password: forhealth)</p>	Online	Flexible	Nil

## End of Life Champions

An End of Life Champions Program is available to Registered nurses, Allied Health Professionals and Medical Officers for staff who would like to enhance their end of life care skills and provide support and mentoring to others in their work area.

Further information on the End of Life Champion Program can be found on the ACT Health Directorate Website or through your manager.