

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.

Recommended Modules

Residential Aged Care Facility Setting

Staff Group	Education	Delivery	Time frame	Pre-Requisite
Registered Nursing and Allied Health Staff	End of Life Essentials Modules Complete all modules under <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Understanding death and dying » Clinical Skills with end of life care Complete optional modules recommended depending on work area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » End of Life care with different patients 	Online	20 min per module	Nil
	Advance Care Planning (Capabiliti) (email toni.ashmore@act.gov.au for access)	Online	20 min	Nil
	End of Life Law for Clinicians (ELLC) (30 min per module)	Online	Flexible	Nil
	Cross Cross-Cultural Care Program for Aged Care Staff	Face to Face	½ day	End of Life Essentials all Modules
	Palliative Care in Practice – Nursing	Face to Face	6 hours	End of Life Essentials all Modules
	ELDAC COVID 19 webinar series	Online	30 min	Nil
	ELDAC Resources for reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Advance Care Planning » Recognise End of Life » Assess Palliative Care Needs » Provide Palliative Care » Work Together » Respond to deterioration » Manage Dying » Bereavement » Palliative Care » Primary Care » Aged Care » Diverse Population Groups » Common Clinical Tools » Aged Care Quality Standards 	Online	Flexible	Nil

Staff Group	Education	Delivery	Time frame	Pre-Requirement
Enrolled Nurses	The Guidelines for a Palliative Approach to Aged Care in the Community (COMPAC) » Module 1 - A Palliative Approach to Care » Module 2 - Planning and Assessment » Module 3 - Providing Care to Clients and Carers » Module 4 - Delivering a Palliative Approach for Aged Care in the Community Setting » Module 5 - Pain Management » Module 6 - Recognising Deteriorating Clients OR	Online	12 hours	Nil
	PCC4U Enrolled Nurse Toolkit » Principles of palliative care » Communicating with people with life-limiting conditions » Principles of symptom assessment and management » Assessment and management of pain » Optimising function in palliative care » Terminal care and bereavement support	Online	20 hours	Nil
	Palliative Care in Practice – Nursing	Face to Face	6 hours	PCC4U EN modules
Assistant in Nursing, Allied Health Assistants	PCC4U Care Worker Toolkit » The principles and aims of a palliative approach » Supporting care » Providing care » End of life care strategies » Managing your own emotional responses	Online	30 hours	Nil
	Cross Cultural Care Program for Aged Care Staff	Online	Flexible	Nil
	Palliative Care in Practice – Care Worker	Face to Face	5 hours	PCC4U CW modules

*A Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach is available to be held in an Aged Care Facility. Please request through Roslyn.kirk@calvary-act.com.au

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.

Further information on the ACT End of Life and Palliative Care Education Pathway contact toni.ashmore@act.gov.au. or for Calvary enquiries Rachel.simek@calvary-act.com.au