

# European Certificate in Essential Palliative Care

## Information for Candidates

### Who is the course for?

Suitable for medical, nursing staff and allied healthcare professionals including nursing and physician associates. All candidates should have direct contact with patients receiving end-of-life care. Free places are only available for non-NHS staff working in care homes, hospices, social care and the voluntary sector.

### What support will I receive?

- Candidates will receive the **Course Handbook** containing the core text material
- Access to the Princess Alice Hospice **virtual learning site** [www.learningzone.pah.org.uk](http://www.learningzone.pah.org.uk)
- Each candidate will be allocated an experienced **facilitator** in specialist palliative care who will be available via email or telephone
- Optional practical **online sessions** supporting preparation for the assessments.

### How will I be assessed?

**Portfolio:** Based on a patient the candidate has cared for with palliative care needs, the 2,500 word portfolio should include the effect it has on both a personal and professional level. It should be supported by literature and demonstrate how the learning will influence future care.

**Written Exam:** There will be a 45 minute examination, which will include short true / false questions covering the principles of palliative care explored in the Course Handbook. It will also include four questions on common opioid dose conversions.

**Practical / verbal (Viva):** This is a short verbal assessment exploring the knowledge and skills developed during the course.

### Assessment day

Candidates will complete the written exam and practical Viva on this day.

Attendance is **compulsory** and candidates will access it online/virtually

Access to a **computer/laptop** with a **camera** and **microphone** is required. (smartphones not applicable)

### How long is the course? 8 weeks

### What is my commitment?

As well as attendance at the assessment day, it is recommended candidates carry out around **50 hours** personal study, this will vary depending on previous experience of palliative care.

### Where does the course run?

The course is centrally run by Princess Alice Hospice in Esher, Surrey, but the **West Yorkshire and Harrogate** local site is run by **St. Gemma's Hospice, Leeds**.

### Key Dates:

19 April 2021	Spring 2021 course - introductory session
21 May 2021	Submission of formative portfolio to facilitators
4 June 2021	Submission of summative portfolio for grading
16 June 2021	Assessment day

### How do I apply ?

Download the application form from [the St Gemma's website](http://the St Gemma's website)

Ensure this is signed off by your line manager and returned to [janec@st-gemma.co.uk](mailto:janec@st-gemma.co.uk)

### Closing Date: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Due to limited places the applications will be processed and successful candidates will be offered a place by the first week in **February**

On completion of the course candidates are awarded the Princess Alice Hospice:

### European Certificate in Essential Palliative Care.

It will contribute to:

NMC revalidation for Nurses

Royal College of Physicians CPD Credits for doctors

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