

Certificate in Palliative Care Nursing

Background and Introduction

Calvary Health Care Bethlehem is part of the national organization Little Company of Mary Health Care, a service of the Sisters of the Little



Company of Mary who have been providing specialist palliative care since 1982 and is among the largest service providers in Victoria. As such it has a strong history in providing

quality education for patients, carers, other health professionals and the local community. We have collaborative partnerships with several surrounding universities.



Who Should Apply?

- ◆ Registered Nurses - Division 1 currently working in palliative care, cancer care, aged care and other clinical specialties
- ◆ Registered Nurses aiming for clinical nurse specialist status
- ◆ Registered Nurse preparing for postgraduate study or wanting to achieve a postgraduate qualification in palliative care (course carries 2 unit credit (i.e. 50%) of a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing, Palliative Care at Australian Catholic University)

Course Objectives

A program of learning that has been designed for Division 1 Registered Nurses (with the Nurses Board of Victoria) working in inpatient or community settings where they have contact with people with a life-limiting condition. The course aims to:

- ◆ Develop clinical assessment skills
- ◆ Develop communication skills
- ◆ Introduce participants to the notion of critical thinking and or enhance existing skills in critical thinking
- ◆ Explore current issues in palliative care
- ◆ Promote reflection on clinical practice

Course Dates & Structure

Workshops for 2010

There will be six workshops during the year

Time: 0900 - 1630

The program consist of two semesters of study. Each semester contains two modules of study:

Semester 1 **March - June 2010**

Workshop dates: March 16, April 27 & May 25

Module 1: Introduction to palliative care

Module 2: Symptom Management

Semester 2 **July - December 2010**

Workshop dates: July 13, September 14 & October 26

Module 3: Communication in palliative care

Module 4: Issues of Grief and Loss

*** There are 3 full day workshops held each semester**

Cost:

\$1,500 per applicant (GST inclusive)

* Students may be eligible for a scholarship through DHS