



COURSE

## PALLIATIVE MEDICINE TRAINING FOR SPECIALTY REGISTRARS & GP TRAINEES

15 week Course

(available as non credit-bearing or academic credit bearing option)



PALLIATIVE CARE INSTITUTE LIVERPOOL  
LEARNING AND TEACHING DIVISION



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Palliative Medicine Training is open to all Specialty Registrars and GP Trainees keen to develop their knowledge and skills in palliative and end of life care as part of their academic and career development. It is especially suitable for professionals who are aiming to balance study and full time work with home life and who wish to have a flexible approach to learning.

Choosing Palliative Medicine Training through the Palliative Care Institute, Liverpool will mean that you are automatically registered onto the University of Liverpool accredited 'Advanced Practice in Palliative Care' (MDSC 160/200) course. This provides you with a number of options for your study, which the academic team will be happy to discuss with you.

### ABOUT THE COURSE

The course provides you with the opportunity to examine the principles and practice of palliative care, including the nature and consequences of advanced life limiting illness and the issues relating to treatment decisions. As a participant on the course, you will be encouraged to reflect upon and critically analyse the complex issues involved in developing effective clinical practice within contemporary palliative care. Examples of the topics that you will engage with during the course include; the influence of ethics on treatment decisions, clinical symptom management and the impact of communication on clinical practice. Your study will also enable you to connect directly with the application of palliative care principles within a specialist palliative care clinical setting, through a fully supervised clinical placement which is supported by a senior clinician within palliative care.

## HOW YOU WILL LEARN

You will study using a blended approach to learning, which involves interactive face to face workshops, e-learning activities and clinical placements. This combination of approaches provides the opportunity for you to reflect upon current practice, observe and discuss key topic areas with expert clinicians and evaluate specific palliative care approaches to clinical management. You will have the opportunity to gain new in depth knowledge within the field of palliative care and explore ways in which to develop and apply your knowledge within practice.

The course includes a 2 day Advanced Communication Skills Training (ACST) Workshop using the 'Connected' Model of training. This enables you to examine complex communication related topics using actor based, simulated patient scenarios. The Connected Model draws upon a participant led agenda, allowing you time to reflect upon your current expertise, critically appraise strategies for approaching complex interactions, practice newly developed skills with the use of role play and consider the implications of applying effective communication skills to your own clinical practice. You will receive positive, constructive feedback within an interactive, intensive but safe and supportive environment. The course is facilitated by recognised advanced communication skills trainers with a clinical background in healthcare.

A separate certificate will be issued for your attendance at the ACST Workshop.



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### ASSESSMENT

- **NON CREDIT BEARING:**

If you decide to undertake the non-credit bearing option for the course, you will need to complete a number of formative activities to fully participate and complete your study and to achieve a course certificate.

- **CREDIT BEARING:**

If you register for the course on a credit bearing basis, you will have the opportunity to achieve 20 academic credits at Level 7 (M Level) of the Higher Education Credit Framework. In order to achieve this you will need to successfully complete a summative assessment set against clearly identified learning outcomes. The summative assessment currently consists of three components, including 2 pieces of academic written work and a short presentation. Further information regarding the assessment process can be provided on enquiry or application.

It is strongly recommended that you discuss the activities and summative assessment requirements before registering to undertake the course.

### BENEFITS

Palliative Medicine Training for Specialty Registrars & GP Trainees provides a number of specific benefits including:

- The opportunity to address palliative care components of the training curriculum for many specialties including the RCGP curriculum on End of Life Care.
- A Framework which enables you to work towards your specific training needs.
- The use of a combination of constructive learning methods enabling a degree of flexible, negotiated study time for balancing study, work and life.
- A fully supervised clinical placement within a specialist palliative care setting.
- The option to undertake as an accredited Masters level Module.

### WHERE DOES IT LEAD?

On completion of this course you will receive either a course certificate or 20 credits at Level 7 of the [Higher Education Credit Framework](#) depending on the option that you choose. Both can be used as evidence of professional development within your field of practice. The credit bearing option can also be used to evidence your academic development. For further information on the options available please contact Mrs. Sharon Phillips, Learning and Teaching Lead (Acting) on 0151 794 8827 or [Sharon.phillips@liv.ac.uk](mailto:Sharon.phillips@liv.ac.uk)



## PALLIATIVE MEDICINE TRAINING FOR SPECIALTY REGISTRARS & GP TRAINEES

### COURSE LEADERS

Palliative Medicine Training for Specialty Registrars & GP Trainees is jointly facilitated by Lecturers and Clinicians with a clinical background in palliative care. The Facilitators will be involved in teaching within the interactive workshops and the online activities and will provide support throughout the duration of the course. Below you will find the core teaching team, however there are a number of Lecturers and Clinicians regularly involved in providing teaching and clinical support.



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## COURSE FEE

For further information about this course including course fees and how to register please contact Mrs. Sharon Phillips, Learning and Teaching Lead (Acting) on 0151 794 8827 or email [sharon.phillips@liv.ac.uk](mailto:sharon.phillips@liv.ac.uk). You can also click on the ['course enquiry'](#) link to request further information.