



CERTIFICATE COURSE IN ESSENTIALS OF PALLIATIVE CARE 2016

A Basic Course in Palliative Care for Doctors and Nurses

Eight Weeks of Learning at
Home Through Distance Education

Fifteen Hours of Contact Session & Evaluation

Ten Days Clinical Placement (Optional)

Course delivered through various centres in India

Course starting on 1st November 2016



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Indian Association of Palliative Care is running certificated course in "Essentials of Palliative Care" for Doctors and nurses, in India. The course aims at improving the skills of healthcare professionals in India essentially in communicating with patients and controlling difficult symptoms. This program will be useful for all practicing doctors and nurses irrespective of whether they are interested in pursuing a career in palliative care or not.

The Gujarat Cancer and Research Institute announces this basic course, an "Essentials of Palliative Care" for Doctors / Nurses. Palliative Care is a comprehensive care for patients suffering from life limiting diseases like HIV/AIDS, Cancer, Kidney diseases, Neurological diseases & various end-stage conditions.

Course Outline

The Certificate Course in "Essentials of Palliative Care" has two components.

Part A: It is intended to build the theoretical base. It has eight weeks of distance learning program and introductory session in the beginning, followed by a contact session of 15 hours. There will be an evaluation at the end and candidates have to submit a Case reflection of a patient from their areas of work. The successful candidates will be awarded the Certificate in Essentials of Palliative Care.

Part B: It is a practical course of 10 days, having an clinical placement at a palliative care unit convenient to the candidate. The certificate awarded to candidate successfully completing this clinical component of the course will enable them to apply for license to stock and dispense oral morphine under the modified narcotics rules. Candidate willing to do Part B, has to enroll themselves, with any of the Palliative Care center, within one year of passing (In theory & Case reflection) Part A.

The course will be delivered by members of the National Faculty in Palliative Care through different centers in India. The course aims to empower the healthcare professionals in handling basic palliative care situations. The topics covered include

- Palliative Care – An Introduction
- Communication Skills & Psychological Issues
- Ethical & Spiritual Issues
- Management of Pain
- Management of Other Symptoms
- Palliative Care Emergencies & Common Conditions Requiring Palliative Care
- End of Life Care & Practical Issues Related to Death

Who all can apply?

Doctors who have successfully completed MBBS / BDS (including those doing their Internship) and Nurses with Diploma in Nursing / BSc Nursing can apply for this course.

This course will be a starting point for those interested in the care of the chronically / incurably ill, the bed ridden and the elderly. But any practicing doctor or nurse irrespective of the specialty are likely to benefit from this training to improve their clinical, communication and organizational skills

Course Fee

A heavily subsidized course fee Rs 2,000 for doctors and Rs 1,500 for nurses will be charged. This will cover the training fee, course material and examination fee. Expenses for travel to the contact sessions, examination and cost of accommodation during the sessions will have to be borne by the candidate. Registered candidates who are not able to write or failed in the examination will get one more chance without paying additional fee.

How to Apply?

The completed application form with the Cash / DD / Cheque in favors of INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF PALLIATIVE CARE PAYABLE AT PUNE, and proof of professional qualifications is to be submitted to the Co-ordinator of centre.

Important Dates for Nov 2016 batch

Last date for Submitting applications	Course Starting on	Contact session Gujarat Cancer & Research Institute, Ahmedabad	Submission of Case Reflection	Evaluation & Exam
30 th Oct 2016	1 st Nov 2016	25, 26, 27 th Nov 2016	25 th Dec 2016	09 th Jan 2017

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