

# TRANSITION TO SPECIALTY PALLIATIVE CARE PRACTICE Information and Application Form



## **Transition to Specialty Palliative Care Practice (TSP)**

The course is designed for Registered Nurses (RNs) working in a variety of clinical settings, included but not limited to acute wards, oncology, haematology, chronic disease management, emergency departments, palliative care and community based nursing.

Gippsland Region Palliative Care Consortium (GRPCC) and Palliative Care South East (PCSE) have partnered with Australian College of Nursing (ACN) to develop and deliver the 'Transition to Specialty Palliative Care' course. The goal is to support participants to undertake formal recognised education and development in a supportive environment, which leads to a specialist qualification.

This course will have a mixed mode of delivery, and will include online learning, reflective practice activities, online assessments, and face to face workshops. The content covers symptom management, use of clinical practice guidelines including the physical and psychosocial impacts of life limiting illness on patients, carers and family. Strategies are explored to develop skills in appropriate evidence based care to enable the best possible quality of life for patients and their families.

This course has five full day, face to face workshops, presented by industry leaders and clinical experts in palliative care. Interactive and experiential workshops will aim to develop confidence in leadership and patient advocacy. Attendance at the workshops is mandatory. The workshops will be held in Clyde North, Vic.

Support will be provided through the TSP course to help participants gain the confidence and skills required to undertake further post graduate studies in palliative care. Successful completion of the TSP course will provide recognition of "Principles of Palliative Care", one core unit from the Graduate Certificate in Palliative Care at Australian College of Nursing [www.acn.edu.au/education/postgraduate-course/palliative-care](http://www.acn.edu.au/education/postgraduate-course/palliative-care) Other tertiary institutes may also recognise this subject via Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and it is at AQF level 8.

### **Course Funding Details**

The cost of this accredited training is \$2500 per person

- The payment for the course is required prior to commencement.
- Education Support Funding to the value of \$1000 is available to successful applicants who are employed in Gippsland.

### **What will not be funded?**

- Funding is not available for meals, parking or travel.
- Funding is not available to health services to backfill positions whilst education support funding recipients are undertaking activities.

## Application Requirements

- All sections of the Application Form must be completed.
- Applications open on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and will close on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Employing Organisation Declaration of Support form (below) must be completed and signed.
- All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email on or before March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## Selection Criteria- Applicants must:

- Be a registered nurse, and currently working for a health service (hospital or community health) in Victoria
- Not hold any formal post-graduate qualifications in palliative care
- Be employed in a clinical role relevant to the course
- Be supported by their employing health service to attend each workshop in person
- Complete a 250-word summary briefly describing how this course will support their post graduate palliative care study
- Commit to the five face to face workshops, commencing April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Commit to completing the online component of the Australian College of Nursing course
- Applicants are required to share key learnings of any activities within their organisation and with the GRPCC/PCSE community.

## Application Assessment

- Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.
- Individual applications will be assessed against the above selection criteria by the GRPCC/PCSE. A representative may contact the applicant to obtain further information if required.
- Successful applicants must complete all registration requirements and pay the course fees before by March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## Application Submission

- Completed applications and supporting documentation must be received by the March 15<sup>th</sup> 2022, and should be emailed to: [TSP@pcse.org.au](mailto:TSP@pcse.org.au)

### **Applicant summary**

Please complete a 250-word summary briefly describing how you think this course will help you to gain the confidence and skills required to undertake further post graduate studies in palliative care.

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### 1. APPLICANT DETAILS

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	Work:
	Mobile:
Email address:	
Position:	
Department:	
Health Service:	

Individual applicants and organisations will need to negotiate level of support. Study leave requirements will need to encompass five face to face workshops delivered off site.

### Employing Organisation Declaration of Support

Manager Name:		
Organisation		
Position:		
Contact details:	phone	
	mobile	
	email	
I support the application of the participant to complete the Transition to Specialty Practice program 2022 and commit to providing them the time to undertake the 5 face to face sessions on the 12/4/2022, 10/5/22 or 17/5/2022, 14/6/2022, 12/7/2022 & 9/8/2022		
Signed:		

## APPLICANT DECLARATION

I have read and understand the selection criteria. If my application is successful, I agree to

- Commit to the five face to face workshops, commencing April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Commit to completing the online component ( including assessments) of the Australian College of Nursing course
- Share key learnings of any activities within their organisation and with the GRPCC/PCSE community.
- Commit to participate in the evaluation of the course
- Provide payment to PCSE before the commencement of the course on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

## 2. APPLICATION CONFIRMATION

Applicants will be contacted on or prior March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to confirm the status of their application.