BCCPN is a six-week course conducted by the Institute of Palliative Medicine- World Health Organization Collaborating Center (WHOCC) for Community Participation in Palliative Care and Long-Term Care, (Training unit of Pain and Palliative Care Society, Kozhikode, Kerala, India). The course aims to impart practical skills and knowledge in palliative care for nurses.

Basic Certificate Course in Palliative Nursing is aimed at helping nurses to consolidate and develop their confidence and expertise in palliative care. Interactive theory sessions and clinical exposure in the background of availability of rich background material make the course productive and useful for all nurses. Successful candidates will be awarded Basic Certificate in Palliative Nursing at the end of the course.

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BCCPN – Key points

Eligibility: GNM/ BSC Nursing with registration with the relevant Nursing Councils

This middle-level course:

- Provides hands-on training in nursing issues in advanced diseases and communication skills.
- Introduces trainees to different modes of palliative care delivery such as outpatient, inpatient and home care
- The duration of the course is flexible 42 days, to be completed over a period of 6-24 weeks
- Course fee is Rs. 7,500 (Seven thousand five hundred only)
- Simple shared accommodation is available at the Institute of Palliative Medicine (at a subsidized rate of Rs 200 per day/ triple sharing- Not included in the course fee).

Course Structure

The Basic Certificate Course will be in hybrid mode.

Theory Sessions:
Introductory Theory sessions will be delivered online. (Monday 20 June to Saturday 2 July 2022)

Assignments/ Evaluations
There will be assignments/ tests at regular intervals throughout the course

Clinical Training
Hands-on clinical training will be in two slots of two weeks each at the Institute of Palliative Medicine and collaborating institutions. The candidate needs to choose two of the seven slots offered.

Clinical Slots:
1. Slot 1: 4 – 16 July
2. Slot 2: 18 - 30 July
3. Slot 3: 1-13 August
4. Slot 4: 15-27 August
5. Slot 5: 29 August – 10 September
6. Slot 6: 12 September – 24 September
7. Slot 7: 26 September – 8 October

Optional sessions:
Candidates will also be offered online workshops/ additional sessions with attendance optional
BCCPN aims to develop the following core competencies in trainees

- Identifying the patients in need of palliative care
- Assessing physical, psycho-social and spiritual problems.
- Diagnosing, evaluating and following up symptoms in advanced diseases
- Basic communication skills and emotional support to patients and family
- Basic skills of nursing a bedridden patient, wound care, colostomy care, lymphoedema care
- Awareness about uses, side effects and management of the side effects of the commonly used medicines in palliative care.
- Basic nursing procedures in advanced diseases/bedridden patients
- Diagnosing palliative care emergency situations

Payment of Fees

If you are making online payment/NEFT, please pay to the account of Account Name: Pain and Palliative Care Society

Account Number: 089901000006602 Branch- Chevayur, IFSC IOBA0000899

DD/Cheque should be taken in favour of Pain and Palliative Care Society

Important Dates

- Last date for submission of completed application form: 3 June 2022
- Announcement of provisional selection list: 8 June 2022
- Last date for acceptance of offer for placement by completion of payment of fees: 15 June 2022
- Course starts: 20 June 2022