



Palliative Approach Courses for Enrolled Nurses and Assistants in Nursing - 2005

Aim:

To provide enrolled nurses and assistants in nursing working within RACF with an opportunity to participate in a targeted palliative approach education program in order to increase their understanding of the palliative care needs of older people in the residential aged care setting.

Planned structure:

A total of six education course have been planned for 2005 with approximately 25 participants in each course. If these courses are fully attended the project has the potential of providing palliative care education to 150 AIN/EN by December 2005.

These education sessions will be held for 4 hours per week (0900 to 1300) over four consecutive weeks for a maximum of 25 participants per group. It is proposed that these education sessions be held on a:

- Thursday for Group A, C and E; and on
- Fridays for Group B, D and F.

Venue: Mater Christi Aged Care Facility, Sawtell

Facilitator: Jane Phillips and Paula Hicks are both experienced palliative care nurses who will conduct this palliative approach course.

Cost: There will be no charge to participants to attend the course.

Registration: To be eligible to participate, all participants must be employed within a local RACF as either EN or AIN and have the support of their facility to attend.

In order to run the course there will need to be a minimum of 15 participants per course. The course dates are detailed below:

1st Course

Week 1:

Group A: 28th April, 2005

Group B: 29th April, 2005

Module 1: Orientation to a palliative approach

Module 2: Engage in Professional Practice;

Week 2:

Group A: 5th May, 2005

Group B: 6th May, 2005:

Module 3: Provide end-of-life care for residents and bereavement to families;

Module 4: Contribute to symptom management.

Week 3:

Group A: 12th May, 2005

Group B: 13th May, 2005:

Module 5: Provide psychological, social and spiritual support to resident, including the needs of people.

Module 6 Care of self and others members of the aged care team.

Week 4:

Group A 19th May 2005

Group B: 20th May, 2005:

Module 7 Use the palliative approach to care for a resident with advanced dementia.

Module 8: Making a palliative approach happen in your facility.

Course 2

Week 1

Group C: 16th June, 2005

Group D: 17th June, 2005

Module 1: Orientation to a palliative approach

Module 2: Engage in Professional Practice;

Week 2:

Group C: 23th June, 2005

Group D: 24th June, 2005:

Module 3: Provide end-of-life care for residents and bereavement to families;

Module 4: Contribute to symptom management.

Week 3:

Group C: 30th June 2005

Group D: 1st July, 2005

Module 5: Provide psychological, social and spiritual support to resident, including the needs of people.

Module 6 Care of self and others members of the aged care team.

Week 4:

Group C 7th July 2005

Group D: 8th July, 2005:

Module 7 Use the palliative approach to care for a resident with advanced dementia.

Module 8: Making a palliative approach happen in your facility.

Course 3

Week 1:

Group E: 13th October, 2005

Group F: 14th October, 2005

Module 1: Orientation to a palliative approach

Module 2: Engage in Professional Practice;

Week 2:

Group E: 20th October, 2005

Group F: 21st October, 2005:

Module 3: Provide end-of-life care for residents and bereavement to families;

Module 4: Contribute to symptom management.

Week 3:

Group E: 27th, October 2005

Group F: 28th, October, 2005

Module 5: Provide psychological, social and spiritual support to resident, including the needs of people.

Module 6 Care of self and others members of the aged care team.

Week 4:

Group E 3rd November 2005

Group F: 4th November, 2005:

Module 7 Use the palliative approach to care for a resident with advanced dementia.

Module 8: Making a palliative approach happen in your facility.