

## NSN830 Palliation in Dementia Care

### Frequently Asked Questions

*What's different about this course?*

This course was developed by the Eastern Australia Dementia Training and Study Centre (EADTSC) with funding provided by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. It is part of a series of flexibly delivered and nationally relevant dementia education resources that have been designed by leading academics who are experts in dementia care and members of the EADTSC.

The course is coordinated by Professor Helen Edwards who is the Director of the QLD node of the EADTSC.

In particular, the course is designed to provide a flexible learning opportunity for people working in community, acute care, and/or residential aged care settings—who are interested in undertaking a professional development activity and/or gaining a formal qualification in dementia care.

*Who should I contact?*

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*What does the course cover?*

This course has been designed to build the contemporary knowledge and skills of health professionals involved in the care of people with severe dementia and their families. In particular, the content of this course focuses on the highly specialised care needs of people with severe dementia and their families and uses innovative learning activities to develop/enhance participants' evidence-based knowledge and clinical skills in this area.

The course is divided into four modules:

1. Contextualising dementia
2. The trajectory of severe dementia
3. Promoting the physical care and quality of life for the person with severe dementia
4. Promoting a positive culture of care

*How is the course delivered?*

This course is conducted in external mode. A course outline and study guide in CD-ROM format will be posted to participants. This CD-ROM will be linked to a QUT Blackboard site for "Palliation in Dementia Care". Participants will be provided with detailed instructions on how to access this online site. Set readings for each module will be available from the Course Materials Database (CMD) within the Blackboard site. If required, assistance in learning how to access the Blackboard site and Course Materials Database will be provided to participants by the course tutor.

There is no requirement for participants to visit the University over the duration of the course.

<i>What do I have to do to complete the course?</i>	Each module includes a written guide to key themes, reflective questions and related learning activities, and a list of set readings. Participants are required to work through each module systematically (using the course timetable as a guide). In addition to actively engaging with the module readings and learning activities, participants are required to submit three assignments in order to receive a grade for this course.
<i>How long does the course take?</i>	This is a 13 week course—with no semester break.
<i>What support is there?</i>	Participants are provided with the telephone and email contact details for the course co-ordinator and the course tutor. Both of whom strongly encourage telephone and/or email contact for direction, clarification, and/or any other reason related to your ability to successfully complete the course.
<i>Who is eligible to enrol?</i>	<p>There are two levels of enrolment for this course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Professional Development Level</li> <li>2. Postgraduate Level</li> </ol> <p><b><i>Professional Development Level:</i></b></p> <p>This level of enrolment is open to individuals wishing to undertake professional development in the area of dementia care. Enrolment at this level does not require the individual to be eligible for postgraduate study.</p> <p><b><i>Postgraduate Level:</i></b></p> <p>This level of enrolment is open to individuals with a formally-recognised undergraduate qualification in a health-related discipline.</p> <p>For any questions related to your eligibility to enrol in this course, please contact either:</p> <p>Tracey Dutton (Course Tutor) on: +61 7 3138 5943, t.dutton@qut.edu.au</p> <p>Professor Helen Edwards (Course Co-ordinator) on: + 61 7 3138 3844, h.edwards@qut.edu.au</p>
<i>What are the differences between the “Professional Development Level” and “Postgraduate Level” of enrolment for this course?</i>	<p>The content of modules and related learning activities for the course are identical across the two levels of enrolment. However, there are different assessment items and associated marking criteria for the two levels of enrolment.</p> <p>Please note that to be eligible for credit towards postgraduate units in the School of Nursing &amp; Midwifery at QUT, Registered Nurses must enrol in the postgraduate level of the course. (Refer to “Recognition of this course” below).</p>
<i>How do I enrol?</i>	<p>Registration is online via the below website: <a href="http://www.cpe.qut.edu.au/events/PIDC208.jsp">http://www.cpe.qut.edu.au/events/PIDC208.jsp</a></p> <p>Confirmation of registration will be sent.</p>
<i>What does the course cost?</i>	Registration for this course is \$1,020 (AUD including GST)
<i>What does the course fee include?</i>	<p>The registration fee includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CD-ROM (containing course outline and study guide)</li> <li>• Access to the “Palliation in Dementia Care” Blackboard site and Course Materials Database</li> <li>• Access to the course tutor: (a) via telephone, email, and/or face-to-face meetings by appointment; and (b) for individually-tailored learning support to assist</li> </ul>

<i>What additional costs are involved?</i>	<p>participants in completing the course modules and assessment items.</p> <p>To enhance understanding of the course content, participants are expected to access the following textbook: J. Hughes (Ed.) (2006). Palliative Care in Severe Dementia. London: Quay Books. This textbook is not included in the course materials and registration fee.</p>
<i>What textbook do I need to purchase?</i>	<p>To enhance understanding of the course content, participants are expected to access the following textbook: J. Hughes (Ed.) (2006). Palliative Care in Severe Dementia. London: Quay Books.</p>
<i>Can I pay the course fee in instalments?</i>	<p>Due to the nature of the course material, payment by instalment is not possible.</p>
<i>Is the course recognised?</i>	<p>Those who successfully complete the four modules and related assessment items will receive a QUT endorsed Certificate of Completion. For nurses only, this course will carry 10 credit points toward a postgraduate unit offered by the QUT School of Nursing &amp; Midwifery.</p>