Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences
School of Health Sciences

Palliative Care Interventions
Module Code NUR3306

Credits / Level of Study 15 credits / Level 6

Module Aims
To enable students to understand the multidimensional nature of palliative care in advanced illness, and to be aware of the evidence base in relation to palliative care and interventions. To acquire knowledge about Level 2 Improving Outcomes Guidance (for Supportive and Palliative Care) IOG skills in psychological support interventions and to understand screening of patients and carers.

Learning Outcomes
- Identify issues in providing palliative care for people with both malignant and non-malignant terminal illnesses.
- Understand the outcomes of research and ethics related to clinical issues in advanced illness.
- Appreciate psychological support screening tools and assessment frameworks, and be aware of issues of reliability and validity.
- Recognise the influence of transitions in chronic illness to palliation and end of life care.
- Be aware of the evidence for managing complex symptoms in palliative care.

Pre-requisites of Study
None

Delivery of Module
Lecture and discussion, student –led seminars and small group work

Assessment
Formative Assessment
A peer assessed presentation of an assessment of a palliative or a clinical issue. This should include an account of the event, ethical issues, management and clinical decision making and the appropriateness (or not) of the intervention. The particular needs and the context in which the care took place should be discussed.

Summative Assessment
Using a case study approach, critically discuss a palliative or clinical issue experienced by a patient in the context of palliative care/end-of-life care. Discuss and reflect on the interventions utilised in practice and make recommendations for practice development. Include a critical analysis of the use of palliative interventions and evaluate the outcome of the patient’s care.

Word Count: 3,000 words

Key Information

Study Dates
February 2018: 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28

*Please check our website to ensure that there have been no revisions to the course dates listed

Location
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