



## Symptom assessment and management in palliative care

This is a single 30 credit level 3 module that can be accessed on a stand-alone basis.

### About the Course

St. Gemma's Hospice is the largest in Yorkshire providing specialist palliative care to patients with life threatening illnesses and also support for families and carers. Following the roll out of the End of Life Care Strategy by the Department of Health in 2008, there has been a national drive for training in palliative care. This module aims to take the gold standard hospice care as the foundation of education to empower clinicians from all health care settings to deliver high quality palliative care in whatever setting they work.

### Who is the Module for?

This module is for all healthcare professionals working in areas where patients and their families receive palliative care services. It is particularly relevant for those working in care homes, in the community, in non-specialist palliative care areas, as well as those in dedicated specialist units. It gives a good introduction to academia for those who may be returning to study and the opportunity to gain accredited knowledge in palliative care.

### Module Content

In this module you will explore the philosophy of palliative care and its application within a variety of practice settings. You will gain an understanding of the assessment and management of pain and other common symptoms experienced by patients with advanced disease and consider the impact on the individual and their family/carers from an emotional, social, cultural and spiritual perspective.

### How will it be taught?

The module will be taught by lecturers and clinicians who are working in specialist palliative care, utilising up to date evidence and expertise and promoting the value of multi-disciplinary team working. It incorporates a variety of teaching and learning methods including; multi-media lectures to deliver evidenced based information; seminars that allow for facilitated group discussion; small group tutorials and carers sharing their experiences.

## Key Facts:

**Start Date:** September

**Application Deadline:** End of June

**Attendance Mode:** Part-time

**Duration:** 4 months

**What qualifications are gained:**  
30 credits at level 3

**Assessment method:** A 5000 word essay

**Where:** The teaching of this module will take place on one day a week at the Academic Unit of St. Gemma's Hospice, Moortown, Leeds, LS17 6QD

**Entry Requirements:** Certificated evidence of ability to study at level three (typically a minimum of 120 credits at level 2). Opportunities for the accreditation of prior learning and prior experience exist through the School's credit accumulation and transfer procedures

Current registration with the relevant regulatory body (NMC, HCPC ) with a minimum 6 months post-qualifying experience and currently practising in an appropriate secondary or primary healthcare setting. The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) required score for admission will be 6.5.

### Free To NHS Employees

Health Education Yorkshire and Humber will pay the fees for this programme for NHS employees working in the Yorkshire & Humber area. However, you should always discuss any proposed study with your manager as they maintain interest in your educational and professional development.

## HOW TO APPLY:

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