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Certificate in Contemporary Palliative Care Practice
Health and Science

Programme Code	DK_NNPCP_8	Mode of Delivery	Part Time On Campus, Modular, Distance Education - DKIT	No. of Semesters	1
Semesters Per Stage	1	NFQ Level	8	Programme Credits	10
Language of Instruction	English				
Field of Study	0913 - Nursing and midwifery				
Educational Aim of Programme	The aims of this programme are to provide Health and Social Care Professionals (HSCPs) with an appropriate level of skill, knowledge and competence in the core principles of palliative care and to build palliative care capacity among H&SCP to respond confidently and in a timely manner to palliative care needs of service users in all settings.				
External Code	Code:				

Programme Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

On successful completion of this programme the learner should be able to :

#	Description
PLO1	The graduate should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the theory, concepts and methods pertaining to palliative care within primary, secondary and long-term healthcare settings.
PLO2	The graduate should be able to demonstrate an understanding of holistic person-centered palliative care needs assessment using the national needs assessment framework.
PLO3	The graduate should know and demonstrate an understanding of the relevant biological and related sciences as they apply to palliative care provision; critically analyse and evaluate this knowledge in relation to it's application to practice in a variety of health and social care settings.
PLO4	The graduate should have knowledge of the relevant legal and ethical principles and guidelines pertaining to palliative care provision.
PLO5	The graduate should be able to demonstrate evidence based skills essential for palliative care delivery at a generalist level; assess, plan and initiate care and treatment modalities within agreed interdisciplinary protocols to achieve service user centered outcomes and evaluate their effectiveness.
PLO6	The graduate should be able to identify and meet the needs of the service user within contemporary health care practice; act as an effective member of the health care team; participate in a multidisciplinary team approach to care; evaluate practice and use current research findings to underpin palliative care.
PLO7	The graduate should be able to demonstrate open sensitive communication skills and interpersonal skills which show compassion and empathy for service users and their families.
PLO8	The graduate should be able to adopt a holistic approach to palliative care needs assessment; plan care in consultation with the service user and his/ her family, taking into consideration the therapeutic regimes of all members of the healthcare team; implement planned care/interventions to acheive identified outcomes; evaluate service user progress towards expected outcomes and review care plans in accordance with evaluation data and in consultation with the service user.
PLO9	The graduate should be able to apply palliative care principles when delivering care to meet he needs of palliative patients and their families in any healthcare setting (i.e.) acute care, primary care, community and long-term care.
PLO10	The graduate should be able to effectively support and manage palliative care needs within contemporary healthcare practice and in accordance with their role; demonstrate the ability to work as a team member; determine priorities for care based on need, acuity and optimal time for intervention; faciliate the coordination of care; ensure that care is appropriate, effective and consistent; provide leadership and act as a role model in generalist palliative care within contemporary healthcare practice.
PLO11	The graduate should be able to effectively establish and maintain therapeutic interpersonal relationships with service user and their families; identify, disseminate and integrate knowledge in relation to the management of palliative care needs within a range of healthcare practice settings.
PLO12	The graduate should be able to take responsibility for personal and professional development; act to enhance the personal and professional development of self and others; demonstrate a commitment to life-long learning; contribute to the learning experiences of colleagues through support, supervision and teaching.
PLO13	The graduate should be able to provide and articulate professional, legal and ethical practice; demonstrate a sound underpinning of theoretical knowledge that informs practice and is informed by practice; practice within the limits of own competence and take measures to develop own competence; use specialist knowledge to support generalist palliative care within contemporary healthcare practice.
PLO14	The graduate should be able to recognize the need to self-care to prevent compassion fatigue and burnout.

Semester Schedules

Stage 1 / Semester 1

Mandatory	
Module Code	Title
NURS N8184	Palliative Care