

## **POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ONCOLOGY AND PALLIATIVE CARE FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS**

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### **PROGRAMME OVERVIEW**

This advanced postgraduate programme is meticulously designed to equip healthcare professionals with comprehensive knowledge spanning general oncology, haematological oncology, and palliative and end-of-life care. It prepares practitioners to seamlessly integrate palliative and supportive services across the entire continuum of patient needs, thereby delivering high-quality oncology care. The curriculum strongly emphasizes a multidisciplinary approach, empowering practitioners to advance their professional development within this specialized clinical field.

### **TARGET AUDIENCE**

The programme is designed for a diverse spectrum of healthcare professionals seeking to advance their practice. Eligible applicants must hold a bachelor's degree awarded by a recognised institution, encompassing:

- Registered Nurses (registered with the Nursing Council of Hong Kong).
- Allied Healthcare Professionals, including Radiographers, Dietitians, Social Workers, Clinical Psychologists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Pharmacists, Speech Therapists, and Chinese Medicine Practitioners.

### **INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of the programme, students will be clinically and academically empowered to:

- Critically review the unique challenges presented by various cancer types.
- Apply cancer management principles to analyse their impact on care delivery.
- Analyse methods and techniques used in recent advances in cancer treatment.
- Critically evaluate the implications of end-of-life decisions, advance care planning, and palliative care.
- Construct evidence-based practices relevant to their specific professions.
- Integrate oncology and palliative care knowledge within holistic and multidisciplinary approaches to optimise patient management.

### **CURRICULUM STRUCTURE (QF Level: 6)**

The robust two-year, part-time curriculum comprises three interrelated modules that bridge theoretical instruction with practical clinical application.

#### **Theoretical Component (153 Total Hours):**

- Module 1: Oncology for Healthcare Professionals (63 hours).
- Module 2: Haematological Oncology for Healthcare Professionals (33 hours).
- Module 3: Palliative and End-of-life Care for Healthcare Professionals (57 hours). *(Note: Lectures on Chinese medicine in cancer and palliative care are delivered in Cantonese, supplemented with English materials).*

#### **Clinical Component:**

- Registered Nurses must complete 40 hours of clinical practicum per module.
- Other healthcare professionals must complete 8 hours of clinical attachment and a collaborative group project per module.

## **ESSENTIAL PROGRAMME DETAILS**

- Start Date: 24 June 2026 (Wednesday).
- Duration & Mode: 2 years, Part-time. Delivery via face-to-face seminars, interactive class discussions, and clinical attachments.
- Class Schedule: Wednesday evenings (Module 1); Friday evenings and occasional Saturdays (Modules 2 & 3). Classes run from 6:45pm-9:45pm or 7:00pm-10:00pm.
- Language of Instruction: English.
- Awards: Students achieving a minimum 70% overall attendance and full clinical attendance will be awarded the Diploma within the HKU system through HKU SPACE.

## **FEES & ADMISSION**

- Course Fee: HK\$49,800 (or HK\$29,880 for those with Module 1 exemption).
- Application Fee: HK\$150.
- Application Deadline: 15 May 2026 (Friday).

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