Our Palliative Care courses will give you the skills to critically appraise research and evidence on palliative care, conduct high quality research, improve clinical practice and develop services across the world. You can study this as an MSc, PG Diploma or PG Certificate. Whichever you choose, you will have world-class teaching at one of the strongest centres of palliative care research in the world and the only purpose-built institute for palliative care.

**Key benefits**

- Our course has a national and international reputation which attracts students from all over the world.
- Strongly focused on evidence and on understanding how to conduct research in palliative care and related areas.
- Our teaching staff are key academics, practitioners and policy-makers in the field. Lecturers visit us from across the world.
- Course based at the Cicely Saunders Institute, a WHO Collaborating Centre for palliative care and rehabilitation that is at the heart of national and international research and academic-clinical collaborations.

**Course details**

Delivered by King’s College London’s Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery & Palliative Care and St Christopher’s Hospice the course will give you the skills you need to evaluate research and evidence in issues of palliative care to inform your clinical practice and your service development.

Our primary aim is to improve your ability, competence and confidence to care for patients with advanced disease, and for their families. This requires you to be able to critically evaluate evidence of the effectiveness, appropriateness and acceptability of existing interventions and services, both medical and psychosocial.

This course is multi-disciplinary and multi-professional. You will learn alongside palliative care professionals from across the world and from all disciplines at the Cicely Saunders Institute. We have students from a wide range of disciplines and professions including doctors, chaplains, nurses, social workers and physiotherapists. You will develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of the many clinical, social, psychosocial, and ethical issues which surround palliative care, and how to assess and deal with them.

Please note: The courses start in January annually.
Teaching
You will learn from academics who are working at the cutting edge of palliative care, allowing you to develop your knowledge with the latest thinking and research.

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Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Assessment
We will assess you through a combination of coursework and exams, allowing you to develop different skills and working styles.

If you are an MSc student, you will write 15,000 words for your Research Study Project.

Regulating body
King’s College London is regulated by the Office for Students.

Course structure
Courses are divided into modules. You will normally take:

- MSc – modules totalling 180 credits
- PG Diploma – modules totalling 120 credits
- PG Cert – modules totalling 60 credits

Required modules
If you are an MSc student or a PG Dip student, you are required to take the following modules.

If you are a PG Cert student, you are required to take two of the following modules:

- Research Methods & Statistics in Palliative Care (15 credits)
- Biology & Management of Symptoms in Advanced Disease (15 credits)
- Psychosocial, Cultural, Ethical & Spiritual Issues (15 credits)
- Service Organisation & Policy in Palliative Care (15 credits)

If you are an MSc student you are also required to take:

- Research Study Project (60 credits)

Optional modules
If you are an MSc student or a PG Dip student, you are required to take two modules from the list of optional modules below. If you are a PG Cert student, you are required to take one of the following optional modules:

- Advanced Psychosocial Ethical & Spiritual Care (30 credits)
- Applying Epidemiology in Palliative Care (30 credits)
- Service Development & Management (30 credits)
- Advanced Pain & Symptom Control (30 credits)

For part-time MSc and PG Dip students:
with the exception of the Research Methods & Statistics in Palliative Care module, which you will take in your first year, you may choose which year you will take each module. If you are an MSc student, you are required to take your Research Study Project in your second year.

Part time MSc students should expect to study 90 credits a year and PG Dip students 60 credits a year.

King’s College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore, modules offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.
Location
This course is primarily taught at the King’s College London Denmark Hill Campus.

Career prospects
Many of our graduates have gone on to become leaders in their field, to make significant contributions to patient and family care and to influence palliative care policy locally, nationally and internationally. Many have used this course to progress their careers from specialist training registrars in palliative medicine to challenging and exciting consultant posts in hospital, hospice and community settings, and a growing number of clinical nurse specialists are now nurse consultants. Increasing numbers go on to conduct PhDs in palliative care related areas and the course has given to some exciting opportunities to conduct high quality research which has successfully been disseminated at scientific meetings or high quality, peer-reviewed journals.

Fees and funding
Full-time and part-time tuition fees – UK
The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.
Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – EU
Current regulations allow some students to pay UK tuition fees on the basis of their EU citizenship or residency. Until these eligibility criteria are changed, the EU tuition fee will remain the same as the UK tuition fee.
The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.
Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – International
The International tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.
Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Deposit
When you receive an offer for this course you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure your place. The deposit will be credited towards your total fee payment.
The UK/EU deposit is £500.
The International deposit is £2,000.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website:
www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

Additional costs
In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:
• books if you choose to buy your own copies
• clothing for optional course related events and competitions
• library fees and fines
• personal photocopiers
• printing course handouts
• society membership fees
• stationery
• graduation costs
• travel costs for travel around London and between campuses
• any costs incurred as a result of working in a specific clinical setting.

Disclaimer
Although it was up-to-date at the time it was produced, please make sure you check our website www.kcl.ac.uk/study or contact us directly for the very latest information before you commit yourself to any of our courses.

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