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Selection of candidates for the 'Post Basic Diploma in Palliative Nursing'-1st Batch

Ministry of Health has recognized that, Palliative Nursing is one of the national healthcare requirements to ensure quality & comprehensive patient care. In addition, it is identified as a skilled and highly demanded specialty in Sri Lanka as well as overseas. To address this requirement, Ministry of Health has designed 'Diploma in Palliative Nursing', a fulltime (One year) training programme conducted by DDG (ET & R) in collaboration with Post Basic School of Nursing, Colombo.

Your institution has been selected by the Ministry of Health as a prioritized hospital, where Palliative Nursing is highly applicable. Therefore, you are requested to send nominations according to the list attached herewith, which comprises allocated number of participants per institution (Annexure 1). Nominations for this training programme should follow selection criteria for this course (Annexure 2).

The course will be conducted at Post Basic School of Nursing, Colombo with clinical rotations in relevant selected hospitals. Travelling and subsistence should be arranged by the relevant hospital/RDHS for the candidates. Therefore, you are kindly requested to send your nominations through given application on or before 06th December 2021, which will be the closing date for applications to reach Deputy Director General (Education, Training & Research), Ministry of Health, Rev. Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha, Colombo 10. (ET&R unit Fax No. 0112679162).

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Annexure 1

	Hospital	Number
	Apeksha hospital -Maharagama	01
2	DGH Avissawella	01
3	DGH Kalutara	01
4	TH Colombo North (CNTH)	01
5 .	DGH Gampaha	01
6	NHSL	01
7	NINDT-Maligawatte	01
8	LRH	01
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10	NHRD-Welisara	01
11	RRH-Ragama	01
12	DGH Negombo	01
13	NH Kandy	01
14	DGH Nuwaraeliya	01
15	DGH Matale	01
16	TH Peradeniya	01
17	SBCH	01
18	DGH Nawalapitiya	01
19	TH Karapitiya	01
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21	DGH Hambanthota	01
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25	TH Rathnapura	01
26	DGH Kegalle	01
27	DGH Embilipitiya	01
28	PGH Badulla	01
29	DGH Monaragala	01
30	TH Anuradhapura	01
31	DGH Polonnaruwa	01
32	BH Tellippalai	01
33	DGH Killinochci	01
34	DGH Vavuniya	01
35	TH Jaffna	01
36	DGH Mullativu	01
37	DGH Mannar	01
38	DGH Trincomalee	01
39	TH Batticaloa	01
40	DGH Ampara	- 01

Annexure 2

Course description & other relevant information- 'Post Basic Diploma in Palliative Nursing'

The Diploma is a One (01) year training programme, aimed at aimed at training of grade nursing officers to produce skilled multi- disciplinary human resources for delivery of palliative care services at institutional level. These nursing officers will play an important role in determining the quality of health care provided to face emerging challenges in health care delivery services.

Course objectives

At the completion of the training programme, the nursing officer should be able to.

- Gather knowledge about the basic concepts in palliative care nursing
- Demonstrate holistic approach to patients with life threatening illnesses and their families
- Demonstrate collaborative work within the context of an interdisciplinary team.
- Recognize the problems/issues of the patients and their families with empathy
- Counsel & educate in every issue related to patients, families, and caregivers
- Develop evidence- based practice in palliative nursing

Eligibility for admission

Grade III & Grade II Nursing Officers are eligible for admission.

Specified criteria for selection of candidates

- Age- below 50 years
- Should be willing to undertake the task, with dedication and commitment, after completion of the course
- After the training, trainee should be attached to the unit, where he/she can deliver comprehensive palliative care at least for three (03) years
- If the trainee is transferred to another institution, same conditions are applied regarding placement at a unit
- Should be physically & mentally fit
- Should have a capability in collaborative work
- With sufficient English knowledge to follow the training programme (medium of instruction will be in English)

Composition of the course

Total duration of the training - Twelve (12) months.

Part I-Theory with practicum. Six months full time work consist of lectures, lecture demonstrations, practical work, case studies based on problem analysis and community exposure. Students should complete a reflective portfolio and maintain a logbook during clinical rotations.

Part II-Clinical placement consist of six months active work under a consultant. During this period, candidate must complete his/her case report according to the guideline provided in relevant section.

Examination

At the end of first 3 months. MCQ paper & SEQ (5% of MCQ marks and 5% of SEQ marks will be added to final examination marks).

At the end of first six months training, MCQ paper and Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE).

Final assessment-At the end of six months clinical placement-Trainees need to submit a <u>Case</u> <u>Report.</u>

Attendance:

Each candidate must have minimum of 80% in theory classes and 80% in clinical practicum. Failure to meet the criteria will be a disqualification to sit for the examinations. The candidates who will not be eligible to sit for the final examination well upon completion of required attendance with revision classes, will be allowed to sit for the repeat examination. Candidates must sit only for the components referred in one sitting.

Award of certificate:

On successful completion of the training, trainees will be awarded 'Post Basic Diploma in Palliative Nursing'.

Office use only

Application form for the Post Basic Diploma in Palliative Nursing-1st Batch

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14. Special Training :-	
15. Declaration of the applicant :-	
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17. Recommendation of the Director :-	
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