

A wonderful scholarship opportunity is available for doctors and nurses in India and neighbouring Commonwealth Countries to develop their palliative care knowledge and gain a well recognised qualification from an established course (originated over 20 years ago).

With Palliative Medicine becoming a speciality in India these scholarships are timely for doctors wishing to pursue this branch of medicine. The course would also stand doctors in good stead for completing an MD in palliative medicine.

Our team are committed to supporting palliative care in India and in 2007 Cardiff University signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding with the Bangalore Hospice Trust to consolidate our partnership. We deliver teaching for the course at Karunashraya Hospice, Bangalore, annually

**The Diploma in Palliative Medicine** teaches best practice in pain management, symptom control, ethics, understanding and applying research evidence and effective communication skills as well as the psychological and social care aspects of patients with life limiting disease.

This exciting distance learning programme allows clinicians to study palliative care in the context of their own clinical practice. The MSc dissertation supports you in undertaking a unique piece of palliative care research.

Our Indian students have identified that completing the course has increased their knowledge and skills and allowed them to develop services and educate more effectively.

### Testimonials

'The Cardiff Diploma and MSc in Palliative Medicine offer excellent structured learning and are ideal qualifications to obtain. It has been an exciting experience for me. The Commonwealth Scholarship offers a great support to students from India.'

*Dr Nagesh Simha, President of IAPC, Bangalore.*

### Testimonials

'Thank you and the Cardiff teachers team for giving me one of the most important direction in Palliative Medicine last week at Bangalore. Twelve years back I joined Palliative care by getting one month training from Dr. Twycross and by attending various conferences, workshop and advance courses.

I started working in Palliative care and got interested more and more day after day.

Although I was practically working hard in this area by way of teaching, research and clinical care, I always use to feel a vacuum in this professional journey due to lack of a professional degree.

I am grateful to Common Wealth Scholarship Commission for giving me this opportunity to fill this vacuum by allowing me to register for this MSc. in Palliative Medicine.'

*Dr. Sushma Bhatnagar, Delhi.*

'The education scene in palliative care in India is still developing. There is no shortage for very good short/basic courses. and 'hands on' courses of medium length.

India may soon have MD programmes in palliative medicine, but seats will be limited. It is very unlikely that everyone who wants will get admissions to MD courses.

Looking in to the future, I feel that, we need courses which promotes critical thinking and evidence based learning. Such skills will add to the quality of teaching/training provided by the faculty with in India apart from helping them to practice palliative care.

The Cardiff Diploma and the MSc are certainly of great help in training the future palliative care professionals from India and also by the way it is structured, I feel that, it will promote not just learning but research and teaching in palliative care in India.'

*Dr Anil Paleri, Kerala*

'The Cardiff course in palliative medicine has helped me:

- to initiate support group for palliative care patients.
- to set up "Comprehensive cancer clinic" at my institution.
- become a member of tumor board in my institution.
- to set up and run various training programs in palliative care for doctors, nurses and volunteers.'

*Dr B Barathi, Bangalore*



Palliative education

Postgraduate Diploma /  
MSc in Palliative Medicine  
&  
Postgraduate Diploma /  
MSc in Palliative Care.

Scholarships available  
for 2012

Scholarships cover full  
course fees for the  
Postgraduate  
Diploma/MSc for students in  
India and surrounding  
Commonwealth Countries.





## Where will the compulsory teaching be held?

Karunashraya Hospice, Bangalore, India

## When?

October 2012

## How is the course delivered?

1 teaching block of 4 days followed by e-learning accessed through a password protected virtual learning environment (VLE) on the internet

## How can I apply?

Students must complete 2 separate application forms on line.

1 application is for a place on the course decided by Cardiff University

1 application is for full funding for course fees from the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission

**You cannot get funding agreed unless you also have a confirmed place on the course**

We look forward to hearing from you



To apply for the course go to -

<http://www.cf.ac.uk/regis/general/applyonline/index.html>

Choose:

School of Medicine,/ Postgraduate taught courses and complete an online application form for

The Postgraduate Diploma in Palliative Medicine (doctors) or

The Postgraduate Diploma in Palliative Care (nurses)

All applications can be done on line – you will also need to have 2 supporting written references which can be faxed or scanned and uploaded.

The minimum requirement in English to be accepted for the course is a score of 6.5 in the IELTS test completed within the last 2 years.

Alternatively we may be able to accept verification from a professional referee regarding your English Language if you have previously completed professional qualifications in English and/or practice clinically using English. These references MUST contain information on your ability to read, write, speak and listen to English.

Where the course application form asks about funding, enter that you wish to be considered for a scholarship for full or part funding from the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission.

**Closing date for course applications is**

**May 31st 2012**



To apply for a Commonwealth Scholarship go to -

<http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/eas>

This takes you to the electronic application system. From the options available select the following—

- Applicants
- Commonwealth distance learning Scholarships

This takes you to a page where you can choose to -

- Find out more about the course (select 'about Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships' / 'information for candidates 2012 '/'Cardiff University'.
- Find out how to apply
- Apply through the Electronic application system (EAS)

**Closing Date for scholarship**

**applications is May 28th 2012**

For more information or guidance on how to apply

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