

Postgraduate Courses 2023



Faculty of Health

# Palliative Care

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## it's everyone's business

Palliative care is a national and global priority. The population is ageing, resulting in an increasing level of progressive and life-limiting illnesses. There is also a dramatic global shortfall of skilled palliative care professionals in the health workforce. This means more and more people are approaching the end of life without access to responsive, patient-centred palliative care. At UTS, we're responding directly to these challenges as a leader in palliative care education and research.

As a health professional, it's likely that you will be called on to engage with patients approaching the end of their lives at some point in your career. Our courses are all about equipping you – and the wider health care workforce – with the capacity to deliver leadership in palliative care that supports patients and their families through the physical, emotional and psychosocial aspects of the end-of-life experience. When you study with us, you will gain the skills to make meaningful difference to patients and their families anywhere in the world.

### Why palliative care at UTS?

- Expert-connected: Learn from global leading clinical academic researchers in palliative care – we're 1st in Australia for our academic reputation in nursing\*.
- Fully online: Learn completely online with scheduled online learning activities.
- Interdisciplinary: Study alongside health professionals from a range of clinical backgrounds, learning to deliver truly multidisciplinary palliative care.
- Based on research: The Faculty of Health is home to IMPACCT, a globally recognised palliative care research centre. Their work informs our course content – so everything you study reflects the latest in international palliative care research.

\*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022.



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Our suite of palliative care courses offer the opportunity to ensure palliative care becomes everyone's business – the best care, any place, every time. It will build capabilities of registered health professionals to deliver the highest quality of primary or specialist palliative care services.

### Tailor the program

Contact the Course Director to discuss your career options and recognition of prior learning.

# What will you study?

## Master's - Graduate Diploma - Graduate Certificate

A postgraduate palliative care degree will prepare you to deliver holistic, interdisciplinary, person-centred care.

Course content is developed in partnership with industry, and combines participatory and real-time learning activities, communities of practice, media resources, podcasts, and case-based scenarios. As well as exploring theory, evidence-based and clinical practice subjects specific to palliative care, you will also engage with topics like social justice, law and ethics as they relate to health care practice. What's more, you'll gain a wealth of experience in areas like health care communication, interdisciplinary practice, decision making and leadership that'll prepare you to work effectively in a range of health care environments.

### Sample part-time study plan for the Master's degree:

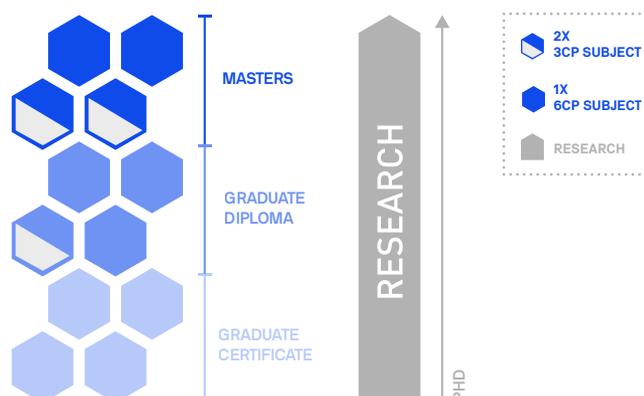
Year 1	
96801	Communicating and Collaborating for Optimal Person-Centred Care
96802	Delivering Best Palliative Care Any Place Every Time
96803	Complex Symptom Management
CBK91758	Elective
Year 2	
96804	Immersive Palliative Care Futures
96828	Ethical Dimensions of Palliative Care (3cp)
96829	Legal Dimensions of Palliative Care (3cp)
96806	Translating Evidence into Change
CB91758	Elective
Year 3	
96826	Optimising End-of-life Communication 1 (3cp)
96827	Optimising End-of-life Communication within Complex and Diverse Situations (3cp)
96808	Generating Evidence to Improve Palliative Care Outcomes
96824	Clinical Assessment in Palliative Care (3cp)
96825	Pharmacology in Palliative Care (3cp)
CBK91758	Elective

All subjects are 6 credit points (cp) unless otherwise stated.

For full subject descriptions, visit the UTS handbook online.

[handbook.uts.edu.au/health/pg](http://handbook.uts.edu.au/health/pg)

Our 'nested' course structure means you can start with a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma and work your way to a Master's degree. Or, enrol in the Master's and exit early with a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma if your circumstances change.



# Key information

## COURSE CODES

- C04365 (Master's degree)
- C07131 (Graduate Diploma)
- C11268 (Graduate Certificate)

## INTAKES

Autumn, Spring

## DURATION

- Master's degree: 3 years part-time
- Graduate Diploma: 2 years part-time
- Graduate Certificate: 1 year part-time

## TEACHING MODE

Learn completely online, knowing that you'll be supported by UTS academics and your classmates during scheduled online learning activities.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Current registration in Australia as a health professional. All applicants must have completed a UTS recognised bachelor's degree, or an equivalent or higher qualification, or submitted other evidence of general and professional qualifications that demonstrates potential to pursue graduate studies. In addition, applicants need to satisfy the following: Concurrent employment or access to the clinical area of study, and one year post-registration clinical experience.

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Evidence of current registration as a health professional; CV including details of roles performed in current and previous health care employment; Academic transcripts (may be required).

**Overall IELTS:** 6.5 overall with a writing score of 6.0

**Commonwealth Supported Place:** No

Fees can be found online at [fees.uts.edu.au](https://fees.uts.edu.au)

## RESEARCH WITH IMPACCT

### Are you an aspiring researcher?

The Faculty of Health at UTS is home to the Centre for Improving Palliative, Aged and Chronic Care through Clinical Research and Translation (IMPACCT). IMPACCT encompasses a group of internationally renowned clinical academics who generate outstanding transdisciplinary research that delivers real-world impact.

As a doctoral research student, you will be part of a community of world-leading researchers involved in the:

- Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (PaCCSC)
- Cancer Symptom Trials (CST)
- Palliative, Aged and Chronic Care Research
- Improving Palliative Care Through Clinical Trials in NSW (ImPaCCT:NSW).

[impacct.uts.edu.au](https://impacct.uts.edu.au)

### Doctor of Philosophy (PhD): Health, Nursing

**Course code: C02024**

Information on undertaking a PhD can be found online at: [uts.edu.au/course/c02024](https://uts.edu.au/course/c02024)

# Graduate attributes

Theoretical expertise and practical skills are essential components of a health care career. But at UTS Health, we offer a little something extra: all of our palliative care degrees have been designed to help you build skills that we consider crucial to your future career success. These attributes are at the heart of everything we do – they guide our teaching, learning and assessment practices, and they'll ensure that you graduate with the competencies required to work effectively in your field. Better yet, we've worked closely with our industry partners to develop these attributes, so we know that they're important to your future employers too.



## Person-centred care

You'll learn to integrate the delivery of person-centred care across all populations, settings and systems.



## Communication

You'll become an effective communicator in challenging, complex and diverse situations.



## Inter-professional collaboration

You'll be able to prioritise inter-professional collaborative practice to ensure the highest quality palliative care for all.



## Leadership

You'll be ready to provide effective, creative and responsive leadership that promotes optimal palliative care.



## Professional excellence

You'll emerge as an adaptive professional who can continuously analyse, critique and reflect on your role.



## Indigenous proficiency

You'll learn to demonstrate professional cultural competency which contributes to the health and wellbeing of Indigenous Australians, inclusive of physical, social, emotional and spiritual wellness.

## Where to from here?

With a global shortage of clinicians who are trained in palliative care, you've got the potential for new career opportunities both in Australia and overseas. You will graduate ready to take on leadership roles in a range of health and related organisations where palliative care is key. Work in a variety of clinical areas such as emergency, critical care, surgical and medical, community-based care, mental health, specialist palliative care, paediatrics, aged care, chronic disease management, and primary health care, or pursue roles in policy at either state or national level.

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UTS ranked  
Australia's  
#1 young\* uni

10% Alumni  
Advantage

## How to apply

### LOCAL APPLICANTS: COURSEWORK

Submit your application for postgraduate coursework online.

#### Application closing dates

- Autumn Session: 31 January
- Spring Session: 30 June

[uts.edu.au/pg-apply](https://uts.edu.au/pg-apply)

Palliative Care coursework programs are not offered to international students.

## Research

Visit [uts.ac/apply-for-research](https://uts.ac/apply-for-research) or email [grs@uts.edu.au](mailto:grs@uts.edu.au) to find out more about the research application process and apply.

## Info Sessions

Register for an upcoming Postgraduate Information Session to receive academic and career advice.

[uts.edu.au/health](https://uts.edu.au/health)

### FIND OUT MORE

For full subject descriptions and more information, visit the UTS website.

[uts.edu.au/health](https://uts.edu.au/health)

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Go to [ask.uts.edu.au](https://ask.uts.edu.au)  
Call **1300 ASK UTS**

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\*QS World University Rankings  
Top 50 Under 50 2016-2021.