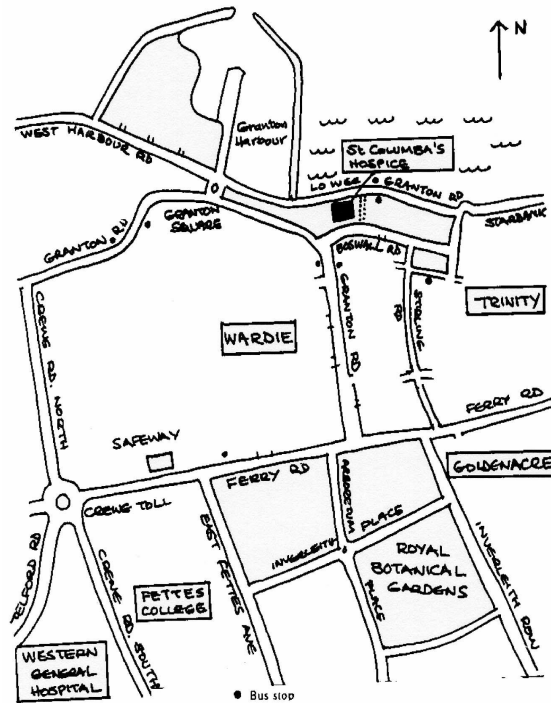


HOW TO GET TO ST COLUMBA'S HOSPICE



BUS SERVICES

8, 14, 17 nearest stop Granton Road

16 nearest stop Lower Granton Road (approach Hospice by pedestrian way)

23 nearest stop Lennox Row

PARKING is available in the lane adjacent to the entrance to the Hospice & neighbouring streets

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BSc in Professional Practice - Palliative Care Approach

Creative Communication Skills For Palliative Care

Queen Margaret University and
St Columba's Hospice



Queen Margaret University
Edinburgh



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HOST DEPARTMENT: ST COLUMBA'S HOSPICE

This module is relevant to all registered health and social care practitioners with a responsibility for patients and families in the palliative care phase of illness. The module may be taken as part of the BSc in Professional Practice - Palliative Care Approach - an interdisciplinary, modular programme of studies at level 9 in the Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework. It may also be taken as an elective module in other Queen Margaret University Health and Social Care degrees, or as a stand-alone module for continuing professional development. The module has a credit rating of 10 points.

Aim:

The aim of this module is to enable the student to develop a repertoire of creative communication skills which meet the needs of patients, their family and carers in palliative care.

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the module the student will be able to:

- Assess the priorities and concerns of patients and their families in palliative care.
- Demonstrate core communication skills in listening and responding to patients, families and their carers in palliative care.
- Select strategies and, through the use of effective communication skills, facilitate patients and their families to adjust to living with advanced progressive disease.
- Explore innovative and creative approaches to communicating with people facing a life threatening illness.
- Debate the attributes of good practice in relation to effective written communication.
- Demonstrate critical self-awareness of their own communication skills through reflecting on an audio-taped interview with a simulated patient/family member.

Main Topic Areas:

- Use of reflection, self-assessment and self-awareness in relation to communication skills.
- The concept of the therapeutic relationship.
- Core communication skills - listening and responding, paraphrasing, summarising.
- Supporting the person when breaking bad news.
- Strategies for addressing challenging communication situations.

- Communication in the interdisciplinary team.
- Creative approaches to communicating with patients and their families.

Teaching and Learning Strategies:

This module will engage the student in face to face teaching, Web-CT and self-directed study. Teaching approaches will include simulated role play, skills rehearsal, small group discussion, reflection on case studies, student-led clinical scenarios and self-assessment of communication skills.

Assessment:

An audio tape/excerpt of an interview with a simulated patient/family member in the palliative care phase of illness and a critical commentary of the audio tape.

This module will run in the second semester of the academic year 2008/2009. Classes will be held in St Columba's Hospice on four study days: Tues 27 January, Tues 10 & Wed 11 February, and Tues 17 March 2009, from 9.15 to 4p.m.

A further half day is required to record the critical commentary audiotape on either Thurs 26 or Fri 27 February 2009. The cost of this single module is £220.

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The University reserves the right to make any necessary change to the programme. The programme of study will only be offered when there are sufficient numbers to make it viable.