Entry Requirements:
Degree/ professional equivalent. Evidence of recent academic study
2 years post-qualification/registration experience
Access to a learning environment that offers experience with palliative care
patients and families

If you are interested in this course we would like to hear from you.
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The University reserves the right to make any necessary change to the course.
The programme of study will only be offered when there are sufficient numbers to make it viable.

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MSc in Palliative Care

For health and social care practitioners working with patients and families requiring palliative care
MSc in PALLIATIVE CARE

The interdisciplinary MSc in Palliative Care has been set up in partnership with Queen Margaret University. It is designed for experienced practitioners from all disciplines involved in the care of patients and their families in the palliative care phase of illness. It addresses palliative care for those with malignant and non-malignant disease, such as end-stage cardiac and respiratory disease. The programme is:

- Interdisciplinary
- Flexible
- Relevant to your practice

Interdisciplinary learning
Palliative care is interdisciplinary and therefore requires interdisciplinary education. The course has been planned by an interdisciplinary team drawn from hospice, hospital and community and is relevant whether you are an allied health professional, a chaplain, a doctor, nurse or social worker. You may be in a post involving clinical practice, management, education and/or research.

Flexibility
This modular, part-time course is planned so that you can do:

- Individual modules for Continuing Professional Development
- A Postgraduate Certificate (4 modules)
- A Postgraduate Diploma (8 modules)
- A full MSc (8 modules plus work-based dissertation)

Each module has a credit rating of 15 CATS points at SCQF level 11. The cost of a single masters module in 2013/14 is £430.

Relevance to practice
The core modules are:

- Shadows and Horizons: Developing Palliative Care Practice
- Developing Advanced Communication Skills in Palliative Care
- Supporting the Patient and Family at the End of Life: A Team Approach

If you have a clinical role, you also do a symptom control module:

- Working with People with Complex Pain and Symptoms

For the Pg Dip and MSc you are also required to do at least one core research module and there are elective modules on practice, management and education themes.

The final quadruple module of the MSc in Palliative Care consists of a work-based dissertation, which enables you to gain academic credit for planning, implementing and evaluating a significant, evidence-based development in the work place. This innovative approach to masters level study ensures that your studies contribute significantly to advancing palliative care practice in your work context.

The specialist modules are run at St Columba’s Hospice; the core research modules and some elective modules are held at Queen Margaret University.

Partnership
St Columba’s Hospice and Queen Margaret University have worked in partnership for over a decade providing a range of innovative courses.

St Columba’s Hospice
St Columba’s Hospice in Edinburgh opened in 1977 and has cared for thousands of patients and families with palliative care needs in its in-patient, day hospice and community services. The Hospice has always had an active commitment to education as a key component of its clinical service.

There are two lecturers, a practice development facilitator and a PA/Course Organiser. There is a strong ethos of interdisciplinary teamwork at the Hospice and, therefore, many members of the Hospice interdisciplinary team contribute to the teaching.

Over the next year St Columba’s Hospice will be completely rebuilt. A new state of the art Education Centre for students has been completed as the first phase of the project.

The new Education Centre has a purpose-built lecture theatre, refurbished seminar rooms, and a library with reading room and computer suite. The Education Centre has panoramic views across the Forth.

Queen Margaret University
Queen Margaret University is a major provider of courses in the areas of healthcare, business and enterprise, media and communication, social sciences and drama.

The University’s purpose-built campus on the east of Edinburgh opened in Autumn 2007. The campus is a vibrant, new academic village with high-tech buildings and attractive landscaped spaces, featuring an innovative learning resource centre at the heart of the development, which combines library, and IT facilities. All these facilities are available to students on this programme.