

Short Course

PALLIATIVE CARE IN FAMILY MEDICINE



CAPE TOWN | SOUTH AFRICA

Duration: 12 weeks | Starting date: 27 July 2026 | End date: 18 October 2026

This short course is offered by the Division of Family Medicine and Primary Care in collaboration with the Division of Radiation Oncology, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University. This course aims to update the family practitioner on the basic principles and practice of palliative care and equip them for the critical role of coordinating the care pathway of patients diagnosed with life-limiting diseases, at primary care level, from diagnosis through to the end-of-life.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- General practitioners in private practice
- Medical officers working in the public sector
- Family physicians
- Family Medicine registrars doing their elective in Palliative Care
- Specialists or Registrars in specialities where patients with cancer, progressive neurological conditions or organ failure are regularly cared for

E-LEARNING:

The course is delivered entirely by online distance education and follows the principles of adult learning. Candidates will be required to commit 4-5 hours per week to learning and teaching activities which will include:

1. Asynchronous self-study
2. Asynchronous discussion forums
3. Synchronous interactive case discussions conducted through an online meeting platform
4. Assessment activities.

ASSESSMENT:

Compulsory assessment will be based on two assignments (written and video-recorded), the level of participation in synchronous interactive online case discussions and asynchronous discussion forums. A **Certificate of Competence** will be issued on successful completion of the course and all assessment activities.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) ACCREDITATION:

25 general and 5 ethics Continuing Education Units (CEUs) in Level 1 will be re-applied for in 2026. CPD accreditation is only available to South African participants.

COURSE FEES:

R7 000.00

R3 500.00 (current SU and TBH employees)

APPLICATIONS, REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

Please complete and return the application form to
Ms Cindy Harley 021 938 9395
between 08h00 and 14h00, cindyp@sun.ac.za.
Registration will close at 16:00 on Monday, 14 July 2026.

OTHER ENQUIRIES

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