



The Royal Marsden School of Cancer Nursing and Rehabilitation

BSc (Hons) in Cancer Practice

Accredited by Thames Valley University

Duration:	18 months (part time) commencing September 2009
Location:	The Royal Marsden School of Cancer Nursing and Rehabilitation, Chelsea, London.
Cost:	£750.00 per module (double module £950.00) [charges for international students will vary please contact the School for details]. All modules, except Using Research in Cancer Practice, are available on a stand alone basis.

Programme Summary

This degree programme is an opportunity for health care practitioners to explore issues at the forefront of cancer care. The course will enable clinicians to enhance their existing cancer skills and knowledge and play a part in shaping the future of cancer practice by developing evidenced based practice and clinical leadership skills. It will also provide an opportunity to study the care of patients with a specific cancer or group of care needs in depth by undertaking two of our range of specialist modules.

Programme Outline

The programme consists of 3 core modules and 2 optional modules.

Core Modules:

The Sciences of Cancer
Clinical Leadership for Cancer Practice
Using Research in Cancer Practice (double module)

Optional Modules:

- Acute Cancer Practice
- Breast Cancer Care in Practice
- Chemotherapy in Cancer Practice
- Genito-Urinary Cancer Care in Practice
- Gynaecological Cancer Care in Practice
- Haemato-Oncology Care in Practice
- Head and Neck Cancer Care in Practice
- Lung Cancer Care in Practice
- Lymphoedema in Cancer Practice
Blended Learning and classroom based modules available
- Mesothelioma Care in Practice - Online
- Palliative Care in Cancer Practice
- Radiotherapy in Cancer Practice
- Stem Cell Transplantation in Cancer Practice

Once you have completed this course, we expect that you will be:

- Clinically proficient in the planning, delivery and evaluation of specialised care for patients;
- Knowledgeable about cancer, its aetiology, diagnosis and treatment;
- Able to select, interpret and use the best available evidence and research to plan and develop care;
- Able to critically examine relevant literature and evidence in order to contribute to the ongoing development of cancer care practice;
- Able to work as a member of an inter-professional team providing support and leadership to colleagues;
- Be an effective, sensitive communicator with patients, their families and those important to them, as well as colleagues and representatives of other health care organisations.

Who is it for?

The programme is aimed at registered Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists and Dietitians that are working in clinical practice with cancer patients.

Entry Requirements

- Registered with relevant professional body
- Evidence of post registration education
- Two years post registration experience
- One years experience working with cancer patients
- Competence in written and spoken English (IELTS 7.0 or equivalent)

Student support

Each student will be assigned a personal tutor and offered tutorial support throughout the course as required. Students are also able to access the services offered by Thames Valley University.

Career opportunities

Obtaining the BSc (Hons) in Cancer Practice will demonstrate that you have a commitment to a career in this important area. This qualification will allow you to further develop your career; both in terms of job opportunities, but also in undertaking further education. Many former students go on to undertake the 'Post-Graduate Certificate in Cancer Practice' or 'Post-Graduate Diploma/MSc Nurse Practitioner: Cancer Care' programmes.

Programme Leader

Clair Sadler

On-line Learning Support

We use an online learning environment (**SCaNaR**, <http://scanar.royalmarsden.nhs.uk>) to support students and enhance our courses. This site provides resources and communication tools. Students will be provided with a username and password for access to module specific sections, as well as general learning support, for example, study skills and library resources.

The David Adams Library and Electronic Learning Centre

The Library is a specialist information resource for students of the School of Cancer Nursing and Rehabilitation. The Library provides support for students and staff engaged in study, teaching, research and the development of professional practice. The resources of the library have been chosen to meet the needs of all the courses provided by the school; but also to give access to wider issues of cancer care such as health care policy, spirituality, patients' stories, and the psychology of cancer. There is an Electronic Learning Centre attached to the library where students can write essays, prepare presentations, search health care databases and much else. There is access to all the major health care databases such as CINAHL, Medline and BNI, as well as thousands of online journals. The library's staff provides support and encouragement to students and staff; training sessions and tutorials in literature searching.

The Royal Marsden School of Cancer Nursing and Rehabilitation is the only centre within the United Kingdom dedicated to the provision of cancer care education. Our link to the world renowned Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust places us in the enviable position of offering education programmes which are directly influenced by development in practice. Our programmes and courses draw upon the wealth of knowledge and expertise of the clinical staff at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust who are world leaders in their field. The Trust has a long history in the development and education of practitioners in Cancer Care. Many of today's key clinicians, researchers and educators undertook education programmes at the Royal Marsden before taking their knowledge and skills into cancer care at a national and international level.

To Apply

Please complete an application form and return it to the School. Application forms can be requested from the School, or printed from our website.

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