



The Royal Marsden School of Cancer Nursing and Rehabilitation

# Post-Graduate Certificate in Cancer Practice

Accredited by Thames Valley University

<b>Duration:</b>	<b>12 months (part time). Students can commence at any time during the academic year.</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>The Royal Marsden School of Cancer Nursing and Rehabilitation, Chelsea, London.</b>
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>£750.00 per module from September 2009</b> [charges for international students will vary please contact the School for details]. All modules are available on a stand alone basis.

## Programme Summary

This Post-Graduate Certificate is primarily targeted at specialist practitioners working at a senior level in cancer care. This is an important course for cancer professionals who would like a clinically focused, masters level qualification.

This year long course provides an exceptional opportunity for students to really focus on highly specialist knowledge and skills. Issues addressed will provide a balance between highly specialist clinical knowledge, with a considered approach to service and professional development. At this level, issues of national importance will be discussed and the impact on both the professional and the profession analysed. The nature of the participants at this level will ensure that the course is driven by lively debate and intellectual reflection. The wide range of modules on offer allows students to focus on areas of particular professional and clinical interests. Our specialist modules attract participants from around the UK: with practitioners fully appreciating the quality of the learning experience we provide.

## Programme Outline

The programme consists of 1 core modules and 2 optional modules.

### Core Modules - EITHER

The Sciences of Cancer Practice

OR

Enhancing Communication Strategies in Cancer Practice

### Optional Modules:

- Advancing Practice in Cancer Palliative Care
- Breast Cancer Care in Practice
- Clinical Leadership in Cancer Practice
- Enhancing Communication Strategies in Cancer Practice
- Genito-Urinary Cancer Care in Practice
- Gynaecological Cancer Care in Practice
- Head and Neck Cancer Care in Practice
- Lung Cancer Care in Practice
- Mesothelioma Care in Practice
- The Sciences of Cancer Practice
- Stem Cell Transplantation in Cancer Practice

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

- be able to demonstrate an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the scientific basis of cancer care and the ability to apply this knowledge to the development of an advanced practice role in cancer practice;
- be able to demonstrate a higher level of creative thinking and exploration of the theoretical concepts and frameworks underpinning specialist cancer practice;
- be able to demonstrate professional accountability and autonomous decision making in the specialist area of cancer care;
- have developed skills to further develop their role in the specialist area of cancer care from a new and macro perspective.

## Who is it for?

The programme is aimed at Nurses [e.g. Ward Sisters, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Nurse Consultants], 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
- First level degree
- 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

This highly specialist qualification will allow you to further develop your career; both in terms of job opportunities, but also undertaking further education, including further masters level study. A number of universities across London and the UK offer a 'Post Graduate Diploma/MSc in Advanced Practice', which students who complete this programme can apply for, and can transfer their credits towards. Please contact the School for further advice.

## Programme Leader

Jacque Woodcock

## 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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