**NCCP 3 Day Cancer Education Programme for Non Specialist Nurses**

**Aim**

The aim of this CPD programme is to enhance the knowledge, skills and confidence of registered nurses in relation to cancer care. This will enable nurses to carry out their role in caring for patients throughout their cancer journey by:

* Promoting cancer prevention
* Providing support through their diagnosis and treatment pathway
* Promoting survivorship
* Providing psychological care
* Providing palliative and end of life care.

**Objectives**

On completion of this programme participants will be able to:

* Define tumour biology and the staging of cancer
* Describe the cancer pathway from diagnosis to treatment
* Identify cancer treatments and the principles underpinning them
* Recognise and manage oncological emergencies
* Explain what Acute Oncology is and recognise its importance
* Describe the survivorship pathway and cancer support services
* Identify the principles of palliative care and referral process
* Recognise the importance of effective communication
* Illustrate the psychological needs of people with cancer
* Collaborate as part of a group and present a case study based on a site specific cancer

**Who should undertake this programme and why?**

This Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme is to facilitate registered nurses who work in any area in the acute hospital setting, care of the elderly units, nursing homes and community based settings to enhance their knowledge, skills and competence in cancer care.

Every nurse at some stage of their career will care for patients diagnosed with cancer. All nurses, no matter what their grade or setting must possess sufficient and relevant knowledge in relation to cancer to help them to assess, manage and communicate with cancer patients and their families appropriately.

**Duration**

The programme will be delivered as a three day theoretical programme, to be supplemented by work based learning, reflection on practice and additional self-directed learning and recommended reading. Some centres offer the blended learning option, but day 3 must be attended in person as there is a group workshop.

**Continuous Education Unit’s**

NMBI, Category 1 approval, 19 CEU’s

 **Where can I attend this programme?**

This programme is delivered in Centre’s of Nursing and Midwifery Education, Centre’s of Learning and Development, Centre’s for Nurse Education, Centre’s for Learning and Development nationally.

To book a place on this programme or to check if it is available in your local area, go to:

[CPD Opportunities for Nurses and Midwives](https://healthservice.hse.ie/about-us/onmsd/education-and-continuous-professional-development/cpd-for-nurses-and-midwives/book-place-cnme-programme.html)