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## Level 3 - NCFE Certificate in Palliative Care

### Course description

The course is designed to provide candidates with an understanding of the principles of palliative care. It will encourage the candidates to use a 'whole person' and 'person-centred' approach to meet the emotional, social, religious and spiritual needs of dying people and their families. It increases the candidates' awareness of loss, grief and the ways in which they can offer appropriate support to the bereaved. The course also provides employers with a structured training programme which will meet the training needs of their employees.

### Who is it for?

The qualification is designed for any health care worker who wishes to improve their knowledge and understanding of palliative care. It also has relevance to all types of care setting, including hospices, care homes, care in the community and primary care.

### Course contents

The course comprises four units:

- Unit 01: Understanding of palliative care
- Unit 02: Supporting a person with their emotional, social and spiritual needs
- Unit 03: Supporting a person with their physical care needs
- Unit 04: Care during the final hours of life and bereavement care

### Course delivery and assessment

The qualification is accredited by a nationally recognised awarding body, NCFE, and has no end test. Candidates will be provided with course materials for the programme. The learning materials contain the knowledge needed to meet the assessment requirements of the course as well as practical and reflective activities to allow candidate to practise their skills and test their learning as they work through a series of tasks and activities. This helps to reinforce the learning process and test their knowledge. The written assessment for each unit completed by the candidate will be assessed by a tutor of MJ Associates Training & Development who will also support the candidate throughout the programme

### Progression opportunities

This qualification aims to provide a sound preparation for further study and access to a range of vocational qualifications, including NVQ's in Health and Social Care. In addition, more general routes may also be appropriate, for example, NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Dementia Awareness and NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity.