

“Really wonderful, both academically but also in creating new networks with interesting and inspiring colleagues”

Course Participant 2013–2015

“What you are doing is so important – Talk about it with your authorities and politicians, remember that you can do it”

Lech Wałęsa, Former President of Poland and Nobel Prize Laureate

Costs and course fees

The Robert Bosch Stiftung has provided funding for the development and running of this programme since 2012. This makes it possible to provide a highly subsidised course. However, participants will be expected to pay a course fee in order to contribute towards teaching staff, administration costs and teaching materials. Costs such as travel, accommodation and personal expenses are also to be covered by the participants. Please see www.eupca.eu for further details.

Scholarships

Scholarships covering all participants’ costs (including course fees) are available on request, especially for participants from Eastern Europe. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information on how to apply.

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European Palliative Care Academy

International Leadership Course

“This high quality programme is enlightening, engaging and impressive in shaping the next generation of palliative care leaders.”

Prof. Dr Sheila Payne, Former President of the EAPC

“Participants are definitely enabled to acquire knowledge and develop skills to competently handle international projects. The further career of participants is sustainably promoted.”

FIBAA, Accreditation Agency



Who are we?

The European Palliative Care Academy (EUPCA) is an exciting joint venture between four highly acclaimed European academic centres: University Hospital of Cologne (Germany), King's College London (United Kingdom), Nicolas Copernicus University in Torun (Poland) and Hospice Casa Sperantei in Brasov (Romania). These centres are renowned for their palliative care expertise both nationally and internationally. The EUPCA was initiated by the Robert Bosch Stiftung in 2012. This project is carried out in collaboration with the European Association of Palliative Care (EAPC).

About the course

Across Europe palliative care is an increasingly important public health issue due to population ageing, the number of people dying from advanced diseases, and insufficient attention to their complex needs as well as those of their families. Developing a highly skilled workforce is critical if we are to best serve this population.

This course identifies and trains emerging leaders across Europe so that they are able to contribute to advancing palliative care and address future challenges in this important field.

Our innovative palliative care leadership course will develop your theoretical knowledge and skills in the fields of personal and project development, teamwork, research and advocacy applied to palliative care. The course curriculum comprises 690 hours over 18 months and 27 ECTS credits. The course is to be completed part-time, enabling participants to continue their work in palliative care. You will benefit from highly engaging face-to-face teaching weeks, one in each of the participating centres (Germany, United Kingdom, Poland and Romania). In addition, the European Palliative Care Academy offers vast opportunities for informal learning and networking, as well as for studying palliative care practice during an observational week at a European palliative care institution of your choice.

During the course you will learn to:

- ❖ Critically examine the development and organisation of palliative care and policy across different settings and countries.
- ❖ Critically appraise the principles of service organisation and management theory, thereby contributing positively to the development and delivery of high quality palliative care.
- ❖ Affect positive change through the development and implementation of policy nationally and internationally.
- ❖ Demonstrate critical self-reflection upon personal and professional development in order to enhance leadership skills.
- ❖ Be able to interact effectively and confidently with a range of professions and agencies both nationally and internationally.
- ❖ Critically evaluate current research and contribute to extending the evidence base in the development and evaluation of palliative care services.
- ❖ Enhance capacity and confidence for decision making in unpredictable and complex situations.

A detailed description of the course curriculum is available at www.eupca.eu.

Who should apply?

Applicants should have at least three years professional experience in palliative care. You will also need to provide proof of good English skills in reading, writing and speaking (CEFR level B2 or equivalent).