**NCCP Community Cancer Nursing eLearning Programme**

**In production and expected be live and available through HSeLanD in May 2024**

**Aim**

The aim of this programme is to ensure that community-based nurses are equipped with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to safely provide care to individuals with cancer at all stages of the cancer trajectory.

This new eLearning resources will:

* Be available on HSeLanD for use by any registered nurse throughout the HSE in Ireland.
* Be highly interactive throughout, using eLearning design to support the development of community nurses throughout the country in caring for people with cancer and their families.

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

Registered nurses working in the community setting e.g. PHN’s (Public Health Nurses), community nurses, general practice nurses, nurses working in CIT (Community Intervention Teams).

In recent years, in line with Sláintecare and recommendations made by the HSE and the National Cancer Control Programme, we have witnessed a shift in cancer care, whereby more and more cancer patients with cancer are being looked after in the community. Studies have shown that it is safe to receive some cancer nursing care and lower risk cancer treatments in the community with clearly defined patient pathways for referral to back into acute services if required.

As a nurse working in the community, you have a role in the early recognition of any adverse events patient care needs that need urgent review at the person’s cancer treating centre. Also, by completing this programme you are gaining knowledge and skill to improve the quality of life of people with cancer.

**Duration**

There are three modules which must all be completed, each are **45 minutes** long.

**Module 1: Introducing Cancer and its Effect on the Person**

This introductory module will focus on the main forms of cancer and how they develop. It will highlight treatment modalities (for example immunotherapy, targeted therapy, surgery and radiotherapy), where treatment is delivered and the potential side effects of treatment.

**Module 2: Assessing and Managing a Person with Cancer**

The second module of the programme aims to improve the knowledge and skills of all community nurses in relation to the assessment of side-effects of cancer treatments and subsequent management of same to include action and escalation of care via the Acute Oncology Service (AOS).

**Module 3: Managing a Person with a Central Venous Access Device.**

The final module of the programme aims to improve the knowledge of all community nurses with regards to central venous access devices e.g. Portacath, PICC and Hickman Lines.

**Continuous Education Unit’s**

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**Location**

Virtual via HseLAND