

Palliative Care Unit

Logan Hospital

Graduate Nursing Program

Unit Overview

The Palliative Care Unit (3C) focuses on the management and care of patients who have chosen to take a comfort approach pathway vs a curative approach. It is important to note that palliative care encompasses patients at many different places in their journeys across all five phases as determined by Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration assessments. The unit is a 14-bed acute care unit, and our patients range from those in crisis with complex symptomatology who may require acute interventions (paracentesis, blood transfusion, high flow, medication rotations) and then may discharge, to patients who are in the terminal phase and remain on the unit for end-of-life cares.

Our consumers with life limiting conditions may have pathology from a broad range of medical conditions such as cardiac, respiratory, neurological, endocrine and gastroenterology. We provide a multidisciplinary team approach to support maximising quality of Life and is supported by specialist palliative care medical and allied health teams.

Benefits of undertaking a graduate program in Palliative Care:

- **Professional Growth:** Work with experienced nurses who are dedicated to mentorship and professional development. Build confidence in communication skills and develop therapeutic relationships. Developing specialist skills in caring for consumers with life limiting conditions, understanding burden vs benefit of treatment.
- **On Going Training:** Access to latest palliative care initiatives and ongoing education and training opportunities.
- **Supportive Environment:** Be part of a team that strives to embody compassion, collaboration, kindness, and teamwork who aim for continuous improvement.
- **Experience:** From consumers who are experiencing an acute deterioration due to illness to active end of life care. Gain appreciation for the art of holistic practice and grow skills in complex supportive care management.

2027 Graduate Program in Palliative Care

- Four-day orientation.
- Three supernumerary shifts.
- Transition Support Packages with Introduction to Palliative Care.
- Four study days including Quality Initiative, Insight Program.
- Unit based Clinical Coaches and Clinical Facilitator for at-the-elbow support.
- Graduate Clinical Facilitators, roaming.
- 12 months or 6-month with rotation to a different medical unit.

Clinical Skills:

- Critical thinking prioritisation.
- Complex dressings and negative pressure wound therapy management.
- Stoma management.
- Subcutaneous infusion management.
- Central venous access device management.
- High Flow management.
- Complex IV infusions.
- Post paracentesis management.
- High communication and relational skills.
- Awareness and proficiency in the five phases of Palliative Care.

Past Palliative Care graduates are now working as:

- Palliative Care Clinical Nurse
- Clinical facilitator
- Specialist Palliative Care Inpatient Unit Nurse
- Community Palliative Care nurse
- Respiratory Nurse

Metro South Hospital Initiatives



Testimonials

A word from our 2026 graduate...

My love for palliative care has grown since I started here and I have found my passion and where I feel like I belong.

The team has taught me the importance of having a great group of people who truly care for one another.

It's sitting with patients and hearing their life stories during some of their hardest chapters, but also those heavy but beautiful moments when staff and families share a hug and a silent understanding after a patient passes away." Emily - Graduate RN 2026



A few words from our community...

"The care shown at the palliative care unit at Logan Hospital is nothing short of extraordinary. In such a difficult time, they bring not only professionalism and skill but genuine kindness, compassion and dignity to every moment. They have created a space where patients feel comforted and families feel supported – a place where even the hardest days are met with warmth, respect and humanity – thank-you 😊."

"The staff of this ward are exceptional, caring, non-intrusive, professional and empathetic. Each and every one took amazing care of Mum and gave us support and kindness. They are truly wonderful human beings."

"Very happy that staff listen to requests and have given good care and attention. You guys have been nothing less than amazing! Thank you!"