Award in Spiritual Dimension in Elderly Care for General Staff

EQF/MQF Level: 3

ECTS Value: 4 ECTS

Language: English, Maltese

Total Learning Hours:100

Programme Description

Spirituality is an important aspect of holistic care that is frequently overlooked. This is because of difficulties in conceptualizing spirituality and confusion about how it should be integrated in the care of the elderly. The program seeks to explore what is meant by spirituality and spiritual competent practice. It examines attitudes to spirituality, provides an exploration of the assessment of patients' spiritual care needs, describes factors that might affect the integration of spirituality into nursing care and offers practical guidance to equip healthcare workers to incorporate spirituality into their practice.

Entry Requirements

Qualifications: Possess a minimum of an MQF/EQF Level 2 or higher qualification.

Language: Applicants must have a basic understanding of Maltese and be proficient in English.

Digital: Applicants must know how to access and use the internet.

Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcome 1

Outcome Type: Competence

Reusability Level:

Description:• Demonstrate competence in the provision of the spiritual dimension of care in providing care/service to elderly patients. • Able to seek assistance and/or refer patients to other healthcare professionals as necessary such as the nurse, manager, chaplain.

Learning Outcome 2

Outcome Type: Knowledge

Reusability Level:

Description:• Define spirituality, spiritual care, and religiosity. • Recognize the importance of spirituality, spiritual care, and religiosity for elderly patients. • Identify principles of therapeutic relationships such as empathy and providing a non-judgmental presence to support spiritual care, as well as respecting patients' dignity and individuality.

Learning Outcome 3

Outcome Type: Skill

Reusability Level:

Description:• Demonstrate specific communication skills to support spiritual care competency in providing spiritual care/service for patients. • Demonstrate confidence in implementing spiritual care in every day elderly care practice.

Assessment

There will be a short multiple-choice examination at the end of the course.

Certification

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will be awarded an accredited certification.