

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Psychosocial Oncology is a specialty area of cancer care that is concerned with the myriad of psychological, emotional, social and spiritual responses of persons affected by cancer. This course provides graduate students in 5 disciplines (medicine, nursing, psychology, social work and spiritual care) with an opportunity to explore the interprofessional care of families affected by cancer across the cancer control continuum, from diagnosis through to bereavement or long term survivorship. Students from other disciplines also may be interested and are welcome.

Using case based learning in small interprofessional groups, students will explore a variety of key learning themes relevant to the interprofessional care of families such as: family theory, models of family & couple counselling/therapy, family assessment, therapeutic conversations and interventions. Case examples will be drawn from the experience of families across the cancer control continuum, from diagnosis through to death and dying, bereavement and long term survivorship. Small group work will allow students to develop a rich understanding of the cancer experience from the perspective of families, as well as increased competency in family assessment, intervention, interprofessional collaboration, and cultural safety. Attention to diversity will be integrated throughout the course.

WHO can take this course? The course is intended primarily for graduate students at partner universities in medicine (e.g. palliative care, family medicine, psychiatry, & oncology), nursing, psychology, social work and spiritual care. Pre-requisite: The permission of the course professor is required to register in this course. The course “Interprofessional Psychosocial Oncology: Introduction to Theory and Practice” is recommended as a pre-requisite, particularly for students who have limited background in cancer care.

WHEN will this course be offered? The course will be offered from September 8 to December 1, 2016. Live Online Seminars will be held on **Thursdays 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. EASTERN TIME ZONE**

HOW will this course be delivered? The course design is web-based with 120 minutes of real time online audio communication per week. Learning resources have been developed specifically for this course, including case study narratives, video-taped interviews, and dramatizations of individual, family and interprofessional situations. Cases will provide opportunities for students to learn about diverse and marginalized communities. The course draws on a case-based, narrative format and provides opportunities to learn in small online groups of interprofessional learners drawn from several universities across Canada.

WHO can I talk to for more information? There is a designated contact in each partner university. Please see the table below for contact information or contact Dr. Deborah McLeod via email: deborah.mcleod@nshealth.ca



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