

<b>CareSearch Project</b>		<b>0068</b>
<b>Research Studies Register: Registration Proforma</b>		
<b>Study Title: Palliative Care Education: Does it Influence Future Practice?</b>		
<p><b>Brief description of the study:</b> Nurses will be increasingly called upon to provide clinical palliative care in the forthcoming future. As the majority of these nurses will not be specialists in palliative care it has become apparent that formal palliative care education needs to be included in nursing education programs. However it is not clear if the provision of such education can be translated into clinical competence. A short survey was sent to seventy undergraduate year 3 nursing students, who had recently completed a discrete course in palliative care in a Victorian University, seeking to identify if they believed that the course provided them with the capacity to provide palliative care in a clinical setting. The response rate was 73% and all respondents identified that after completing the course they had sufficient knowledge to be clinically competent in providing palliative care. Other factors that were identified as being important to the clinical preparation of nurses included palliative care should be a discrete, integral part of all nursing curricula, students needed opportunities to openly engage with the lecturer and other students, learning was most effective when the students were provided with clinical examples of palliative care as teaching tools, and that the course had influenced 50% of the cohort to consider applying to work in palliative care.</p>		
<b>Study Methodology: (Please mark with an x which type of study methodology)</b>		
	Epidemiology	
	Health Services / Health Economics / Quality Improvement	
	Qualitative, Observational or Descriptive	
<b>X</b>	<b>Mixed Method</b>	
	Systematic Review	
	Intervention: RCT	
	Intervention: Comparative or cohort study	
	Intervention: Case series	
<b>Project details:</b>		
Funding source (Optional): <b>Palliative Care Curriculum for Undergraduates-QUT</b>		
Has the study received ethics approval?	<b>X</b>	Yes
		No
		Not applicable
Project starting date: September 2008		
Project completion date: November 2008		
Multi site:		Yes
	<b>X</b>	No
		Not applicable
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<b>Associated publications / reports: Submitted to Nurse Education Today</b>		
<b>Topics (Admin only) Specialist Education, Nurses</b>		