

Lymphoedema in Cancer Care (Blended Learning)

This module aims to introduce and develop the knowledge and skills required to successfully manage and care for individuals with lymphoedema, and to gain experience of their practical application in a safe, supervised environment.

The module will give students the opportunity to gain a deeper insight into the causes and management of this chronic condition. In addition to exploring the evidence base for the care of cancer related lymphoedema, the module includes practice workshops which provide students an opportunity to gain experience in the practical skills of compression bandaging in a safe, supervised environment.

Who is it for	Health and social care practitioners
Duration	5 days
Dates	Classroom days on 1, 2, 15 and 16 December 2014 On-line activities released 3 December 2014.
Cost	£880 for academic year 2014/15 (overseas student prices will vary) Katie's Lymphoedema Fund are providing bursaries for this module for applicants from hospices and NHS organisations. See below for further details and how to apply.
Academic credits	15 credits at level 6 (degree)
Assessment	2,000-word essay

Key topics

- Arterial and venous disease
- Skin care in lymphoedema
- The role of MLD and SLD
- Physiotherapy interventions
- Measuring and fitting compression garments



Entry requirements

Applicants should currently be caring for cancer patients with lymphoedema.

Moodle

On-line activities are delivered via the School's Virtual Learning Environment, Moodle. You will require the following to access Moodle:

- Compatible web browser to access Moodle
- Adobe Flash Player to view flash content
- Adobe Reader to view PDF documents
- Software that can open Microsoft Word documents

The David Adams Library based at The Royal Marsden School, London has computers equipped with the above software.

This stand-alone module also forms part of these programmes

BSc (Hons) in Cancer Care
Graduate Diploma in Cancer Care

To apply

The Royal Marsden School in association with **Katie's Lymphoedema Fund** will be providing a limited number of bursaries to cover the costs of attendance on these courses. The aim of these bursaries is to support Katie's Lymphoedema Fund in increasing the availability of therapists with specialist knowledge/skills to treat this condition. Applications are therefore welcomed from across the UK.

Bursaries may cover course fees, travel and a contribution towards accommodation costs and will be reviewed upon application. To be eligible for sponsorship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Nurses and Allied Health Professionals only with current professional registration**
- **Working in cancer care**
- **No funding available from other sources**
- **Working primarily in the NHS or hospice sector, using skills to offer services that patients do not pay for**

Those who meet the criteria and would like to apply should complete a Royal Marsden School application form (which can be downloaded from the website or requested from the School) and attach an additional personal statement. This personal statement should outline, in approx. 200 words why they should receive sponsorship to undertake this course.

For applications for funding towards travel and accommodation costs, estimated costs should also be included.

- Accommodation costs will be limited to £47.00 per night (the cost of one night's bed and breakfast stay with 'Doctor in the House' accommodation agency: www.doctorhouse.co.uk)
- Travel costs will be limited to economy train travel – participants are expected to achieve the best possible value for money for the charity
- Bursaries for travel and accommodation costs will not be accepted from those living and/or working within the Greater London area.



To give your application for sponsorship the best possible chance, your statement should address the following questions:

- **What benefits will this opportunity provide in terms of patient care?**
- **How will the training support the development needs of the service?**
- **How will the training support the development needs of the practitioner?**

Sponsored students will also be required to provide a report to Katie's Lymphoedema Fund on the impact that their studies have had on patient care.

The following panel will review bursary applications and applicants will receive notification by e-mail. Payment of travel and accommodation costs will be made once the course has taken place and receipts have been received.

Mary Woods, CNS/Head of Lymphoedema Services, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

Jacquie Woodcock, Programme Leader, The Royal Marsden School, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

We also welcome applications from those who do not meet the bursary criteria. To apply, please complete an application form and return it to the School. Application forms can be printed from our website or requested from the School.

