The **Palliative Care** module is designed to equip the learner with the knowledge, skills and competencies necessary to care for a person diagnosed with a life-limiting illness and their family in a dignified, inclusive and holistic manner.

Throughout the course learners will:

* Discuss the philosophy and principles of palliative care
* Summarise the structure and organisation of palliative care services to include the role played by the multi-disciplinary team and diverse family structures in the provision of care for a terminally ill person
* Discuss the role of the support worker in the promotion of key issues such as life quality, self-esteem, respect, privacy and dignity in palliative care work
* Explore different attitudes to death and dying to include an understanding of individual patterns of grief, bereavement and loss
* Employ a range of communication strategies and processes which are central to the work in palliative care
* Apply a person-centred approach to caring for a person in the last days of their life to include the provision of supportive and holistic care promoting safety, dignity, respect and comfort
* Respond appropriately to the needs of the person who is confused in the last days of life
* Work effectively and with great sensitivity in relation to the dying person and their significant others in a palliative care setting
* Use the range of skills required from a palliative support worker in relation to end of life care.

**Assessment**

Learner Record – 70% & Assignment – 30%