

## NTU-NHG Unveil Master's Program to Enhance National Palliative Care



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To meet the urgent need of upskilling healthcare professionals in end-of-life care, NTU Singapore and the National Healthcare Group (NHG) have launched a new Master of Science (MSc) in Holistic Palliative Care.

The postgraduate programme is developed and delivered by the Palliative Care Centre for Excellence in Research and Education (PalC), a collaboration

between NTU's Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, NHG and Dover Park Hospice to spearhead palliative care research and education.

The new MSc in Holistic Palliative Care is part of NTU's FlexiMasters programme that offers a flexible and 'stackable' learning pathway, from a Graduate Certificate to a FlexiMasters and finally to a full Master of Science degree. As Singapore's rapidly ageing population leads to increasing health demands and a rising burden of chronic diseases, the programme plugs the gap in training our healthcare professionals to provide quality end-of-life care.

With its flexible structure, the MSc in Holistic Palliative Care is the first-of-its-kind postgraduate programme in Asia for healthcare professionals keen on upskilling their knowledge in palliative care on a part-time basis, while allowing them to pursue their existing work and family commitments.

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