

# PEPA

## Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach

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THE NATIONAL  
PALLIATIVE CARE  
PROGRAM

PEPA is an education program providing allied health staff with an opportunity to develop knowledge and skills in the palliative approach, by undertaking a supervised clinical attachment with a specialist palliative care service and establishing networks of support.

Many allied health staff care for people with life-limiting conditions such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, end stage organ failure, cancer, cystic fibrosis or severe dementia. If you work in a setting supporting patients with these types of conditions, then PEPA may provide you with further skills and experience to improve your care of your patients.

PEPA has three learning components.

1. The supervised clinical attachment to a specialist palliative care service aims to offer experience in inpatient palliative care and community practice.
2. Post-placement support aims to support the participant to integrate their learning back into their own practice and offer ongoing networks of support across settings and disciplines.
3. A planned workplace based activity implemented in your own practice within three months of completing the supervised clinical attachment aims to consolidate and facilitate ongoing learning in your practice setting.

### *How will PEPA work?*

Following review of applications and the selection process, the Queensland PEPA Program Manager will organise the clinical attachment at a specialist palliative care service. Eligibility for the travel, meals and accommodation allowance will be determined by the PEPA manager on the basis of the applicant's geographical location, and the distance to the host site. Following placement, all participants will be linked into post-placement support activities.

### *Will there be any financial support?*

Funds have been allocated to support staff attending a clinical attachment. These funds include:

- Employers will be compensated for costs associated with backfilling to a maximum of 40 hours at \$55/ hour plus GST.
- Travel and accommodation assistance for rural participants.

### *How to apply*

Please read the **PEPA Information and Application Kit** which includes the **application form**. This program will be offered from now until December 2009. For further information please contact the Queensland PEPA Program Manager (07) 3636 6216 e-mail: [Kathryn\\_Laurent@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Kathryn_Laurent@health.qld.gov.au)