

Course unit title:	Oncology and Palliative Nursing		
Course unit code:	NUR 406.2		
Type of course unit:	Electives Nursing Specialties		
Level of course unit:	Bachelor (1 st Cycle)		
Year of study:	4		
Semester when the unit is delivered:	7 (Fall)		
Number of ECTS credits allocated :	3		
Name of lecturer(s):	Dr Maritsa Gourni		
Learning outcomes of the course unit:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain: the characteristics of cancer cells, how carcinogenesis takes place, the differences between cancer cells and normal cells, the predisposing factors, the preventive measures, the way metastasis takes place, the staging of cancer, what is cancer screening, the diagnostic exams. 2. Describe the main treatment modalities, what is radiotherapy and chemotherapy, how they work, when and how they are applied and measured, the main side effects and the nursing care offered to the patients receiving external and internal radiotherapy and chemotherapy, the main chemotherapeutic drug categories and the way they work, the main surgical procedures for the main cancer types and the side effects, what are the alternative treatments used in cancer care. 3. Explain what is palliative care, what are the main symptoms of patients in palliative care and the nursing interventions, what is pain and how is presented in cancer, how pain can be alleviated and what is the nursing care of patient with cancer pain, what are the feelings of the dying patient, the nursing care of the dying patient, supportive care for the relatives of a dying patient. 		
Mode of delivery:	Face-to-face		
Prerequisites:	None	Co-requisites:	None
Recommended optional program components:	None		
Course contents:	<p>Cancer: carcinogenesis, characteristics of cancer cells, metastasis, predisposing factors, prevention, screening, staging.</p> <p>Cancer treatment: surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, hormone therapy, gene therapy, Side effects of treatments, Nursing care, Cytotoxic drugs.</p> <p>Main Cancer types: Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer, Cancer of the Colon, Leukaemia</p> <p>Palliative Care: Patient with Pain, Dyspnoea, Nausea, Vomiting, Constipation, Nursing Care. Care of the Dying Patient.</p>		
Recommended and/or required reading:	None		
Textbooks:	Nursing Oncology. The Frame of Care. E. Patiraki. Pascahlides Publisher, 2005 Palliative Nursing. S. Kinghorn, R. Gamlin, BHTA Publisher, 2007		
References:	Νοσηλευτική ογκολογία, Corner J.,Bailey Ch.2009 (Εκδότης): BROKEN HILL PUBLISHERS LTD		
Planned learning activities and teaching methods:	The course is delivered to the students by means of lectures, conducted with the help of computer-based presentations. For the implementation various teaching methods are used e.g. role play. Lecture notes and presentations are available through the web for students to use in combination with the textbooks		
Assessment methods and criteria:	Test	30%	
	Assignment	10%	
	Participation	10%	
	Final Exam	50%	
Language of instruction:	Greek		
Work placement(s):	No		