



Expression of Interest Form for

Asbestos-Related Disease/Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma

ARD/MPM Nurse Education Program

Lung Foundation Australia is taking enrolments for their Australian College of Nursing (ACN) endorsed Asbestos-Related Disease/Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma (ARD/MPM) Nurse Education Program. Completion of the program entitles eligible participants to claim 18 CPD points from the ACN.

The ARD/MPM Nurse Education Program has been designed to help nurses develop an understanding of best practice care for patients with ARD/MPM.

The ARD/MPM Nurse Education Program will equip participants with the necessary skills to:

- Acquire specialist knowledge that will inform evidence based mesothelioma nursing practice during the provision and coordination of patient care.
- Develop specialist clinical practice and clinical decision making skills to ensure appropriate assessment and management of patients with ARD/MPM.
- Develop professional relationships with multidisciplinary team members.
- Foster caring relationships with patients and carers.
- Examine their ability to reflect on personal and professional values, in relation to patients with ARD/MPM.
- Develop leadership skills and provide support and resources to other health professionals in this area of health provision.
- Maintain currency with literature & nursing practice in the care of ARD/MPM patients.

Cost:

- \$395.00 (including GST) payable to the Lung Foundation Australia on admittance to the program. Payment details will be provided on the enrolment form.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for this education program, applicants must provide with their Expression of Interest:

- proof of registration as a Registered or Enrolled Nurse (registration number to be provided on the Expression of Interest Form).
- a short (50 words or less) outlining their experience in respiratory, surgical, community or oncology nursing and explaining why they would like to undertake the education program.



What is involved in the education?

A. **Nine online learning modules:** (8 – 10 hours)

These modules each consist of a framework where learning objectives are outlined, interactive content is delivered and practice quizzes are presented.

B. **Practical Clinical Experience. This includes:** (6 hours)

- Interviewing a patient with mesothelioma and provide an clinical assessment and care plan.
- Interviewing a colleague and discussing a difficult situation in your work practice.
- Accessing a radiology department with radiologist to review, interpreting and understanding the significance of a chest x ray and CT scan of a patient with MPM.
- Participating in peer review to demonstrate understanding of the key concepts.
- Organising a time with a legal firm/organisation to discuss legal entitlements in your state.

C. **Online Discussion:**

All participants will be required to go online weekly to discuss their progress and relevant discussion points posted by the Nurse Educator conducting the education program. Participants must post on at least 8 of the 12 weekly online discussion forums.

Completion time:

The ARD/MPM Nurse Education Program will be conducted over a period of 3 months. The three study periods for 2016 are:

- 22 March 2016
- 24 May 2016
- 24 July 2016

How to apply:

If you are interested please complete the Expression of Interest form below, number your start date preferences and return to Karen Lather at karen@lungfoundation.com.au or by fax to 07 3368 3564.



Expression of Interest Form for ARD/MPM Nurses Education Program

Full Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone: H _____ M _____

E-mail: _____

Organisation: _____

Current position: _____

Registered/Enrolled Nurse Reg. No.: _____

Statement outlining your experience and why you wish to undertake this education program: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Manager's Name: _____

I understand if _____ is successful our organisation will support and help facilitate the applicant in completing all aspects of the program.

Number your study period preferences 1-3 (1 being most preferred)

22 March 2016

24 May 2016

26 July 2016

Manager's Signature: _____

Please complete this application form and return to Karen Lather at karen@lungfoundation.com.au or by fax to 07 3368 3564.

For further information please contact the Lung Foundation Australia on: 1800 654 301