

Guide to using the [EdCaN](#) resources

The EdCaN learning resources were designed to assist nurses develop Competency Standards for Specialist Cancer Nurses outlined in the [National Professional Development Framework for Cancer Nursing](#). The resources were developed to cover a broad range of topics that are relevant to all nurses working in cancer care, including those new to the field as well as those with many years experience. The resources are intended for use by individual nurses to meet their own learning needs, or by educators who design and implement professional development activities.

For the individual nurse and cancer nurse educator, the resources allow you to:

Find Learning Activities

- “Learning on the run opportunities” activities enable you to update your knowledge on specific topics when and where you need to.
- Focused learning modules enable you to develop a more in depth understanding of care for people with specific cancer or cancer treatment related health needs

Build Educational Programs

- Cancer nurse educators can access the learning resources to develop educational programs aimed at developing Competency Standards for Specialist Cancer Nurses or adapted to learners at other levels of practice.
 - Exemplars, tools and templates are available to help you to plan, implement and evaluate continuing professional development initiatives, and assess clinical performance in specified areas

The implementation materials are freely available to support users of the EdCaN Framework and learning resources. Users can adapt the EdCaN learning resources to address specific individual and/or an organisation’s continuing professional development requirements.

Please adhere to the [copyright requirements](#) outlined on the EdCaN website.

For further information or assistance when implementing the EdCaN learning resources, please contact EdCaN project manager, Kylie Ash: k.ash@gut.edu.au or phone 07 31386128.

Find Learning Activities

Learning on the run

The EdCaN learning resources address a broad range of learning topics which can be accessed quickly using the following user guides.

- **EdCaN [Point of Care Experiences Navigation Guide](#)**

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| Overview: | <p>The EdCaN Point of Care Experiences Navigation Guide is a resource you can use to find and hyperlink to learning resources on specific point of care experiences that are relevant to your professional development needs.</p> <p>Accessing learning on the run continuing professional development opportunities allows you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find evidence based text, links to key resources and learning activities within specific sections of the EdCaN learning resources via hyperlinks• Plan professional development activities relevant to a specific point of care experience• Develop in-services and adhoc professional development opportunities about point of care experiences |
| Format: | Navigation guide with live hyperlinks, PDF |
| Target educator: | All |
| Target participant: | All |
| Release date: | 2010 |
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▪ **EdCaN [Case-based Learning Resources Navigation Guide](#)**

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| Overview: | <p>The EdCaN Case-based Learning Resources Navigation Guide is a resource you can use to find broad concept areas covered within the case-based modules which are relevant to your continuing professional development needs.</p> <p>The navigation guide may be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the specific focus of the case-based learning resources eg: caring for the older person with cancer • Access specific sections of the case-based learning resources via hyperlinks from the guide • Plan professional development activities relevant to a specific competency standard or topic |
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Focused learning modules

- Use the EdCaN Case-based learning resources as modules of learning within a professional development plan:
 - [Colorectal cancer case study: John's story](#)
 - [Ovarian cancer case study: Jane's story](#)
 - [Lung cancer case study: Harold's story](#)
 - [Paediatric acute lymphoblastic leukaemia \(ALL\) case study: Ellie's story](#)
 - [Prostate cancer case study: Ted's story](#)
 - [Melanoma case study: Jenny's story](#)
 - [Breast cancer case study: Libby's story](#)
 - [Oesophageal cancer case study: Burt's story](#)
 - [Osteosarcoma case study: Justin's story](#)
 - [Head and neck cancer case study: Mrs Li's story](#)
 - [Lymphoma case study: Arthur's story](#)

Supporting Modules

- Use the EdCaN supporting resources as modules of learning within a professional development plan:
 1. The cancer journey and domains of Specialist Cancer Nursing practice
 2. Population health concepts in cancer control
 3. The biology of cancer
 4. Cancer treatments
 - Part 1:** Cancer treatment planning
 - Part 2:** Fundamentals of cancer surgery
 - Part 3:** Fundamentals of radiotherapy for cancer
 - Part 4:** Fundamentals of antineoplastic therapy
 - Part 5:** Fundamentals of biological and molecular targeted therapies
 - Part 6:** Fundamentals of haematopoietic stem cell transplantation
 5. Supportive care
 6. Cancer Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples