The End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) Core Curriculum

Hone your palliative care skills with expert faculty and clinicians from UVA and the Charlottesville area!

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The ELNEC curriculum addresses the essential components of palliative care, using interactive learning strategies that include: the role of nurse as advocate, the multidisciplinary team, the multidimensional aspect of caring for persons with serious illness, the family as the unit of care, and the critical need for attention to underserved and special populations.

TARGET AUDIENCE:
Staff nurses, advanced practice nurses, undergraduate and graduate nursing faculty, administrators, and researchers who work in acute care settings (i.e. medical-surgical and oncology units), clinics, homecare, hospice, and palliative care settings

TOPICS:
Palliative Nursing Care, Pain & Symptom Management, Ethical Issues in Palliative Care Nursing, Cultural and Spiritual Considerations in Palliative Care, Communication, Loss, Grief & Bereavement, Final Hours
FEES:

- Attendee - $50, $60 after October 11th
- Student or UVA Employee - $40, $50 after October 11th

DESIRED OUTCOMES/EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

Through participation in this conference, participants will be able to:

- Describe the philosophy and principles of hospice and palliative care that can be integrated across settings to affect quality care at the end of life
- List five physical signs and symptoms of the dying process
- List components of a thorough pain assessment
- Describe pharmacological and nonpharmacological therapies used to relieve pain
- Describe interventions that can prevent or diminish common symptoms associated with end-of-life processes for patients
- Describe specific roles of the nurse in ethical decision-making in end-of-life/palliative care
- Conduct a cultural and/or spiritual assessment of patients facing the end of life
- Identify communication characteristics that patient/families expect of healthcare professionals
- Describe three interventions that may be appropriate to facilitate normal grief

AGENDA

**Tuesday, 10/20**

- 3:00 PM  Palliative Care Nursing
- 3:30 PM  Pain & Symptom Management
- 5:00 PM  Break
- 5:15 PM  Ethical Issues
- 6:00 PM  Program Evaluation
- 6:15 PM  Adjourn

**Tuesday, 10/27**

- 3:00 PM  Communication
- 4:00 PM  Culture
- 4:45 PM  Break
- 5:00 PM  Final Hours
- 6:00 PM  Program Evaluation
- 6:15 PM  Adjourn

**Tuesday, 11/10**

- 3:00 PM  Loss, Grief, and Bereavement
- 4:00 PM  Break
- 4:15 PM  Case Application
- 6:00 PM  Wrap-Up and Program Evaluation
- 6:15 PM  Adjourn
CLAREEN WIENCEK, PHD, RN, ACNP, ACHPN, FAAN, Course Director, UVA School of Nursing Professor of Nursing, and Advanced Practice Program Director for the MSN Program

An acute care nurse practitioner, an advanced certified hospice and palliative care nurse, and a long-time critical care nurse, Clareen Wiencek is also current past-president of the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, the largest specialty nursing organization in the world.

With a BSN from the University of Cincinnati and a masters (med-surg nursing) and PhD from Case Western Reserve University, Wiencek is a passionate advocate for teaching palliative care to nursing students at all levels. Before her arrival at UVA, she was nurse manager at the Thomas Palliative Care Unit at the VCU Health System, program director at VCU’s Center for Integrative Pain Management, and a nurse practitioner at University Hospital's Case Medical Center in Cleveland.

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Further information about the ELNEC Project can be found at www.aacnnursing.org/ELNEC.