

E·L·N·E·C Connections

End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium

ELNEC-Core Training Program Scheduled for March

On March 9-11, 2005, nurses from around the country will attend the ELNEC-Core Training Program in Long Beach, CA. Due to many inquiries, the deadline for this course has been changed to **February 1, 2005**. Space for this course is limited—so register today. For an overview of the course, registration form and FAQ sheet, go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/docs/CoreRegistrationForm05.doc>. Besides the ELNEC-Core training program, three other ELNEC courses will be offered throughout this year:

- ELNEC-Graduate: June 15-17, 2005
- ELNEC-Pediatric Palliative Care: August 3-5, 2005
- ELNEC-Oncology: September 14-16, 2005

These last three courses will be held at the Pasadena Hilton, Pasadena, CA. To find out more, please go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/UpcomingTrainings.htm#National> and or contact pmalloy@aacn.nche.edu or 202-463-6930, ext. 238.

Welcome to the Winter 2005 Issue!

The End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium is pleased to bring you the winter 2005 issue of *ELNEC Connections*, a quarterly newsletter to showcase efforts in end-of-life nursing education. This newsletter spotlights project developments and provides resources that may be useful to you as an ELNEC trainer. ELNEC is a national education program to improve end-of-life care by nurses, and is funded by a major grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and support from the National Cancer Institute. ELNEC is administered through a partnership between the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the City of Hope National Medical Center (COH).

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ELNEC-Graduate Faculty Selected for Awards

The very first ELNEC-Graduate course was held in June 2003. Sixty graduate faculty members attended this program, funded by the National Cancer Institute. After receiving the final one-year updates on their progress, the ELNEC Project Office was impressed with the outstanding and creative work that was developed on graduate nursing campuses across the United States. Though quite competitive, there were five participants from the 2003 course who will be honored and awarded certificates at the February 2005 AACN Master's Education Conference in San Diego, CA. The ELNEC Graduate Award Winners from the 2003 course are:

- Deborah Dunn, Madonna University (MI)
- Veronica Engle, University of Tennessee Health Science Center (TN)
- Lucille Gambardella, Wesley College (DE)
- James Pace, Vanderbilt University (TN)
- Marjorie Schaffer, Bethel College (MN)

Read how these participants implemented the ELNEC curriculum <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/pdf/GradAwardWinners03.pdf>.

ELNEC Award Winners Honored

In November 2004, four ELNEC trainers received the "Excellence in ELNEC" award at the AACN Baccalaureate Education Conference in Sunny Isles Beach, FL. Those who were recognized included:

- Denise Betcher, Mayo Clinic Hospital (AZ)
- Lorraine Bittinger, Big Bend Hospice (FL)
- Cynthia Dakin, Northeastern U. (MA)
- Joelyn Scriba, Bemidji State U. (MN)



Cynthia Dakin receives her award from AACN President Dr. Jean Bartels

ELNEC-Pediatric

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Module 8 Presented at Pediatric Conference

Teresa Chase and Sharon Barton presented Module 8, "Nursing Care of the Child and Family at Time of Death" to an interdisciplinary group of health providers in Lexington and Louisville, KY in October at the 3rd annual Pediatric Palliative Care Conference sponsored by HUGS (Helping "U" Get Support, Hospice of the Bluegrass, Hospice and Palliative Care of Louisville, Kosair Children's Hospital, and University of Kentucky Children's Hospital. For further information on how to plan a similar course, contact Teresa at tbchas2@email.uky.edu.

APON Sponsors ELNEC Courses in 2005

Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses (APON) will be sponsoring at least two ELNEC Pediatric Palliative Care Training Programs in 2005. The dates and places are as follows:

- March 17-18, 2005, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- May 20-21, 2005, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Memphis TN

For more information, contact Karla Wilson at kwilson@coh.org.

A Sweet and Unique Way to Demonstrate Diversity

The power of a visual reminder! Mary Marshall, Director of Educational Services at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Greenville, SC reports that she uses M&M's when talking about culture to demonstrate that we are all different on the outside, but have many similarities from within.

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ELNEC-Graduate

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Distance Learning at UW Increases Opportunities to Provide Palliative Care Lectures

Marjorie Dobratz reported providing a course titled "Concepts of Hospice and Palliative Care" that has been restructured into a distance-learning format. This accommodates Master of Nursing (MN) students across the three-campus University of Washington (UW) nursing system. Instead of nine face-to-face lecture sessions, students analyze the content of these nine sessions in three end-of-life (EOL) care modules: EOL distress, EOL support, and EOL outcomes. The MN students master selected readings and answer a

series of questions. They select a topic from each of these models for a short paper assignment. Students meet at the end of each of the three modules to discuss the related questions and present short papers. This allows the university to reach a greater number of MN students and provides more opportunity for EOL content. For more information, contact Marjorie at mdobratz@u.washington.edu.

Graduate Faculty Member Organizing All-School of Nursing End-of-Life Seminar

At Westminster College in Salt Lake City, UT, Marilyn Chan has been working with other colleagues in planning an All-School of Nursing End-of-Life Seminar for undergraduate and graduate nursing students, using one of the ELNEC modules. They will use case scenarios, media presentations, and small group discussions with novice to expert MSN graduate nurses, as well as seasoned faculty. ELNEC will be part of the discussion throughout all years (sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students) of the nursing program to be aware of and incorporate palliative/end-of-life issues into holistic nursing health care. If you are interested in doing a similar project, contact Marilyn at mchan@westminstercollege.edu.

New Geriatric Master's Program Being Developed at Dominican University

Barbara Ganley and Ingrid Sheets are developing a new Geriatric Master's program with ELNEC incorporated into the curriculum at Dominican University in San Rafael, CA. For more information, contact Barbara at barbaraganley@yahoo.com.

Curriculum Used in Unique Ways

Diane Mick presented the Symptom Management Module to the Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Organization of Rochester, NY. In addition, Diane orchestrated Geriatric Grand Rounds at the University of Rochester Medical Center and Monroe Community Hospital and spoke on "Lessons from ELNEC 2004." Diane is Director of the Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Program at University of Rochester and may be contacted at Diane_Mick@URMC.Rochester.edu.

ELNEC-Oncology

Greater Lehigh Valley ONS Chapter (PA) Shares “Lessons Learned” From ELNEC

In November, Ruth Dennison and Robin Fritsch provided the first ELNEC presentation to their ONS Chapter. Helen Emmott presented the ELNEC ethics module and Julie Russell performed *Tricia’s Story*. Highlights include:

- Ruth and Robin approached several pharmaceutical companies to solicit educational funding and received \$5,000 from Ortho Biotech, which allowed them to present at a dinner theater venue.
- They also contacted many other vendors with 14 supporting the event by donating vendor space for the fee of \$300 per table.
- In addition, since it was a theatrical evening, they did a playbill. For the playbill, donations were applied towards various pages to congratulate nurses and award winners.
- Every aspect of the evening was coordinated—the invitation, place cards and decorations all used a theatrical mask theme.



Sheila Derrevere, bizimom40@cox.net

St. Francis Hospice, Tulsa, OK

Sheila taught the entire ELNEC curriculum recently to 25 oncology nurses. She will also be teaching ELNEC on a monthly basis (one module per month) to an oncology group during staff meetings.

Peggy Lewis, lewisfamily.6@netzero.net

Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO

Peggy recently presented an in-service to patients and caregivers on the gynecology-oncology unit at Barnes-Jewish Hospital using information from the “Loss and Grief” module. She reports the patients and their families appreciated the information.



- The chapter used the evening to announce a “Friend of the Chapter Award.” The recipient received the Lifetime Award and a scholarship for \$250 to attend an educational ONS program. Because of the generosity of the Lehigh community, money was raised to cover a student scholarship for \$250, provide two additional \$250 nursing scholarships, and provide a \$100 scholarship to ONS. In addition ten gift baskets to honor nurses for their care over the years were made possible by other donations.
- Finally, Ruth contacted the local newspaper, who had recently printed a main story on palliative care. This ONS event was an excellent opportunity for follow-up. For more information on how Ruth and Robin planned and organized this successful evening with their ONS chapter, contact RuthDennisonRN@aol.com and/or rbrooks44@aol.com.



Attendees of the Train-the-Trainer course held at The George Washington University Hospital.

Sue O’Connor, soconno1@gwu-hospital.com

The George Washington University Hospital, Washington, DC

An ELNEC Train-the-Trainer course was held at the George Washington University Hospital in October. Nurses from five states attended, and the dialogue on exchanging best practices and learning new content was vital to everyone’s practice.



Don’t forget - if you change your e-mail address, notify the ELNEC Project Office so we can keep you updated on the latest ELNEC news. nbrown@aacn.nche.edu

For a complete list of upcoming trainings, check the ELNEC Web site at: www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC



ELNEC Trainer Roundup

Here is a synopsis of what some trainers have been doing since their ELNEC participation. **Please send updates on your ELNEC activities, including pictures of your training activities, to the Project Office at pmalloy@aacn.nche.edu by March 29, 2005 for the Spring issue.**

Colleen Wagner, colleen.wagner@jmmmdhs.com

John Muir/Mt. Diablo Health System, Concord, CA

Colleen reports that their two hospital health systems are preparing to launch a palliative care consult service in 2005. In preparation, interdisciplinary team training was completed on both campuses and qualified 32 nurses as “palliative care resource nurses.” In June 2004, members of the cross-campus team attended the two-day Palliative Care Leadership Center Initiative Site Visit at the University of California at San Francisco, sponsored by CAPC and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Colleen states, “what a dynamic experience; the real application of ELNEC training!”

Mary Wassman, mwassmann@communityhospices.org

Community Hospices, Hospice of Washington, DC

Mary is a hospice liaison and because she is assigned to the Washington Hospital Center she has many opportunities to provide in-services for nurses, physicians, therapists, and even a chaplain residency program. Mary states she uses the ELNEC curriculum every time she presents an in-service and says “the hand-outs are tremendous teaching tools. I can’t imagine doing without them!”

Betsy Clark, Betsy.Clark@hospicecarecenter.org

Hospice & Palliative CareCenter, Winston-Salem, NC

Betsy and Becky Miller are currently teaching all nine ELNEC modules to the nursing staff at their 20 bed inpatient hospice facility. Each module is presented weekly and nurses have two different times they can take the weekly course. All nursing staff are required to attend one of the sessions for each module, regardless of how long they have worked with the organization.

Barbara Kuper, BKuper@lsuhsc.edu

Louisiana State Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA

Recently, Barbara presented a program titled “End of Life: Ethical & Legal Issues” at the Memorial Medical Center. The participants were predominately RNs and pastoral care personnel. Barbara used not only the ELNEC curriculum, but also used clips from various movies and news commentaries which deal with ethical and legal issues related to the end of life.

Patricia Nosel, nosel@edinboro.edu

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA

Patricia has received approval to write her doctoral dissertation on the response of the 43 baccalaureate nursing programs regarding the 1997 mandate from the International Council of Nurses that “nurses have a unique and primary responsibility for ensuring that individuals at the end of life experience a peaceful death.” Specifically, Patricia will be looking at curriculum changes that ensure more content on end-of-life care. “ELNEC has given my nursing and education careers a new direction since I attended the very first conference in January 2001. I am extremely grateful,” Patricia reports.

Mary Jo Dagny, mjdagny@yahoo.com

St. Joseph Villa, Flourtown, PA

A palliative care committee was reinstated at St. Joseph’s in September 2004. Mary Jo, as a member of that committee, is providing education on the components of palliative care to the members. They meet monthly and after 9 months they hope to widen the circle to provide the course to staff members at the facility.

Bonnie Walsh, bwalsh@hospiceofrockland.org

United Hospice of Rockland, New York, NY

Bonnie has been very busy teaching and implementing the ELNEC curriculum. Among her many opportunities, one was teaching the ELNEC Pain module to about 30 nurses and nursing students in her community for National Hospice Month.

Anne Marie Kelly, ANNEK130@aol.com

Catholic Memorial Home, Fall River, MA

Thinking outside the box, Anne Marie taught the ELNEC training course to 25 nurses on Monday evenings from 6 pm to 9 pm for nine weeks. She reports that the evaluations were excellent!



Inspiration, News & Resources

The Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) to Sponsor a Spring Seminar

Are you interested in building a palliative care program in your hospital? If so, CAPC is sponsoring a March 15-17, 2005 seminar titled, ***Building Palliative Care Programs in Hospitals—Tools and Strategies for Success***, at the Fontainebleau Hilton Resort in Miami, FL. This seminar is designed to provide you with a comprehensive overview of the financial and operational content and processes needed for building a palliative care program. You will learn key skills from leading experts for making your palliative care program successful, including:

- Financing and business planning
- How to choose organizational and service models
- Measuring clinical and financial impact
- Hospital needs assessment
- Marketing palliative care

Visit www.capc.org to register or learn more about this opportunity. For more information, contact Barbara Mastroddi at 212-201-2680, barbara.mastroddi@mssm.edu.

Disseminating End-of-Life Education to Cancer Centers: DELEtCC to Hold Fourth Annual Course

DELEtCC is a research project for improving end-of-life (EOL) care education for healthcare professionals in cancer centers, presented by the City of Hope National Medical Center and funded by the National Cancer Institute. This comprehensive course is designed to provide an opportunity to better understand EOL issues confronting cancer patients as well as strategies to address these

issues. The primary aim of DELEtCC is to prepare clinical leaders with the information and resources to assure high-quality EOL care for cancer patients. This course is intended for 2-person teams, including physicians, nurses, social workers, administrators, psychologists, pharmacists, chaplains, and rehabilitation therapists who participate in the EOL care of cancer patients. There is no registration fee, as this project is grant supported. Each participant will receive a \$200 travel stipend/person. Application and/or additional information may be obtained at <http://deletcc.coh.org> or by contacting Jo Hanson at 626-256-4673, ext. 63108 or jhanson@coh.org.



Ursuline College Offering Hospice and Palliative Care Course OnLine

Ursuline College, the first college in the US to offer an MSN in Hospice and Palliative Care, will be offering "Introduction to Hospice and Palliative Care" online starting February 1, 2005. This project will merge ELNEC content and Toolkit for Nursing Excellence at End-of-Life Transition (TNEEL) with current research to create this Web-based course. For more information, contact Dr. M. Murray Mayo at 440-646-8172 or mmayo@ursuline.edu.

American Journal of Nursing (AJN) Palliative Care Series Wins Three Awards

Two-and-a-half-years and seventeen articles later, the AJN palliative care series articles are completed. Thanks to the many ELNEC faculty members and participants for their efforts in providing these exceptional articles. In addition, this 17-part series won three awards:

- 2003 Gold Award from the American Society of Healthcare Publishing Editors
- 2004 Magnum Opus Award from *Publications Management*
- 2004 Pinnacle Award for Nursing Print Media from Sigma Theta Tau International



Updated ELNEC CD's Are Available

The latest ELNEC-Core CD (November 2004) can now be purchased for \$50 by ELNEC trainers. If you are interested, contact Monica Atchison at matchison@coh.org.

To review these articles and others on end-of-life care/palliative care, go to www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC.