

ELNEC Connections

End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium

Welcome to the Winter 2006 Issue!

The End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium is pleased to bring you the Winter 2006 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. The project, which began in February 2000, was funded by a major grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Additional funding has been received from the National Cancer Institute and the Aetna and Archstone Foundations. ELNEC is administered through a partnership between the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the City of Hope National Medical Center (COH).

ELNEC-Critical Care: New Course Being Developed

Plans are underway to develop an ELNEC-Critical Care course for nurses who work in intensive care units, emergency rooms, coronary care, burn units, dialysis units, and other critical care settings.

Because of the unique needs of critical care nurses, the ELNEC-Core curriculum is being revised. The two consultants on this project, Meg Campbell, RN, PhD (cc), FAAN, nurse practitioner in palliative care and clinical ethics at Detroit Receiving Hospital, and Connie Dahlin, APRN, BC, PCM, advanced practice nurse in palliative care services at the Massachusetts General Hospital, are developing the curriculum, which will include case studies and other supplemental teaching strategies to meet the everyday needs of critical care nurses.

The first ELNEC-Critical Care course will be held November 13-15, 2006 in Pasadena, CA. Two other courses will be offered January 17-19, 2007 in Pasadena, CA and April 2-4, 2007 in Washington, DC. Applications and further updates on this course will be posted on the ELNEC Web site (www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC) on March 1, 2006.

ELNEC Course In Washington, DC Draws 147 Participants

The first national ELNEC course to be held on the east coast in three years was successful in drawing many nurses from various parts of the country. Nurses, representing 29 states and the country of Nigeria, attended the ELNEC-Core course. Participants returned to their clinics, hospitals, home health care agencies, hospices, and nursing organizations, equipped with strategies to change systems and to educate others regarding end-of-life/palliative care.



Seven ELNEC Courses to be Held in 2006

In 2006, five different ELNEC curricula will be used to meet the distinctive needs of nurses working with patients and their families who require end-of-life care. For more information and/or applications for these courses, go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/06Courses.htm>.

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- **February 15-17, 2006**, ELNEC-Core, Pasadena, CA
- **April 19-21, 2006**, ELNEC-Core, Kansas City, MO
- **June 21-23, 2006**, ELNEC-Graduate, Pasadena, CA
- **August 2-4, 2006**, ELNEC-Pediatric Palliative Care, Anaheim, CA
- **September 13-15, 2006**, ELNEC-Oncology, Pasadena, CA
- **October 12-14, 2006**, ELNEC-Core, Washington, DC (application available March 1, 2006)
- **November 13-15, 2006**, ELNEC-Critical Care, Pasadena, CA (application available March 1, 2006)

To download a flyer with information about the courses, go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC>.

ELNEC-Pediatric

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Eight Trainers Receive “ELNEC-PPC Excellence Awards”

In 2004, 100 pediatric nurses from around the country attended the second national ELNEC-PPC course. This year, eight of those trainers are being honored for excellence in promoting, implementing, and disseminating the ELNEC-PPC curriculum. The award winners are:

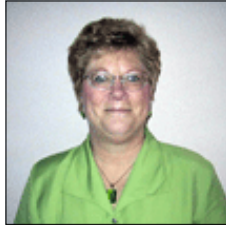
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To read more about the accomplishments of these award winners, go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/>

ELNEC-Pediatric

Grant Awarded to UCSF, Department of Family Health Care Nursing

Dr. Betty Davies, an ELNEC-PPC faculty member, just received word that the AcuteRISK program (Acutely Ill Children at Risk of Dying), a specialty within the Advanced Practice Pediatric Nursing program at the University of California San Francisco, CA has been funded by Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The grant is for three years, and six students (the targeted number for the first year) are enrolled. Mary E. Lynch is also involved in this project. For more information about this program, contact Betty at betty.davies@nursing.ucsf.edu.

Heart Pins: In Memory of the Children

Angela Ethier at the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, TX has worked with other staff to create a heart pin to give to participants completing the ELNEC-PPC course. After the course, a heart pin is given to the participants in a closing ceremony. The ELNEC trainers are asked to wear the pins to work with the hope that the spirit of the course will continue on in the minds of those who care for dying children and their families. For more information on the pins and/or the ceremony, contact Angela at amethier@txcc.org.



ELNEC-Graduate

Seven Graduate Nursing Faculty Honored as Award Winners for Excellence in Teaching

Graduate faculty members, representing five different schools of nursing, will be honored for their outstanding work in implementing and disseminating the ELNEC-Graduate curriculum at the AACN Master's Education Conference in San Antonio, TX on February 16-18, 2006. These awardees attended the June 2004 ELNEC-Graduate course. They are:

- **Elizabeth Arnold**, PhD, RN, CS-P, University of Maryland School of Nursing
- **Anita Catlin**, DNSc, Sonoma State University
- **Katherine Crabtree**, DNSc, Oregon Health & Science University
- **Janet Craig**, DHA, Clemson University School of Nursing
- **Jennifer Gentry**, MSN, RN, ANP, APRN, BC, PCM, Duke University School of Nursing
- **Cristina Hendrix**, DNS, Duke University School of Nursing
- **Charon Pierson**, PhD, APRN, GNP, FAANP, University of Hawaii – School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene

For more information on these graduate faculty members, go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/>.

College of New Rochelle to Begin a Palliative Care Post-Master's Certificate Program

ELNEC-Graduate trainer Lynda Shand is the program coordinator and contact person for this certificate program in New York. If you are interested in learning more about this program, contact Lynda at lshand@cnr.edu.



ELNEC-Geriatric Nursing Curriculum to be Developed

By the year 2035, older adults will represent 25% of the U.S. population. Less than 1% of the 2.2 million nurses in this country are certified to care for the elderly. Nurses working in clinics, acute care, and other settings must provide care for elderly patients. With this tremendous challenge ahead, the ELNEC project is moving forward to begin to develop a curriculum specifically for nurses and administrators who manage the care of the elderly. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project.





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 25, 2006 for the Spring issue.

ELNEC Trainers Provide End-of-Life Education Internationally

Below is a list of trainers who have reported opportunities they have had to teach internationally. If you have had a chance to teach ELNEC and/or to provide any assistance in teaching and/or consulting internationally, please notify the ELNEC project office at pmalloy@aacn.nche.edu. The office is coordinating a database of international work.

International

Ayda Nambayan, Ayda.nambayan@stjude.org

This online presentation of ELNEC-Pediatric Palliative Care was a collaborative effort among Cure4kids of the International Outreach Program of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, COH and AACN. In the first four months since it has gone worldwide, this site has been accessed by 2,627 people with the majority from low resource countries. <http://www.Cure4Kids.org>.

AFRICA

Margaret Barton Burke, bartonburkem@prodigy.net

South Africa

Presented ELNEC and consulted at University of Witswaters.

Adenike Onibokun, Nike1955@yahoo.com

Nigeria

Lecturer on ELNEC at the University of Ibadan.

Marie Sines, mariesines@juno.com

Kenya

Presented ELNEC modules to the program director at Eldoret Hospice.



SOUTH AMERICA

Carla Dias, carlagdias@uol.com.br

Brazil

Translating Cure4Kids ELNEC curriculum into Portuguese at the Instituto de Oncologia Pediatrica-GRAACC in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Marilyn Stoner,

mstoner@Exchange.fullerton.edu

Brazil

Lectured and consulted at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul-Escola de Enfermagem in Porto Alegre, Brazil.



Carol Long, carolong@cox.net

Colombia

Taught ELNEC at XVI Coloquio Nacional de Investigacion en Enfermeria in Colombia.

ASIA

Katherine Crabtree, crabtree@ohsu.edu

Thailand

Developed a proposed master's curriculum in palliative care for advanced practice nurses and a certificate program in palliative care for baccalaureate nurses. Also, taught end-of-life content at two universities in Thailand.



Carmen Erickson-Hurt, CJErickson@nmcsd.med.navy.mil

Thailand

Worked with those affected by the December 2004 tsunami. Educated Thai nurses regarding pain assessment and management.

Martha Highfield, Martha.highfield@csun.edu

China

Was a guest lecturer and consultant on palliative care issues at the Municipal Health Bureau in Guangzhou. She lectured 1-2 times/year to health administrators and professionals from Guangzhou during educational sessions at CSU Northridge and provided pain management information to the Chief Medical Officer of Maranatha Hospital in Aba, Nigeria.

Carole Kenner, Ckenner835@aol.com

Russia

Presented at the International Russian Nurses Conference on pediatric end-of-life issues.

Carol Long, carolong@cox.net

Philippines

Taught ELNEC, sponsored by Global Caring Nurses Foundation in Manila and Cebu, Philippines.

Sayaka Sakamoto, sakamotosayaka@hotmail.com

Japan

Translating ELNEC ethics module into Japanese.

AUSTRALIA

Carole Kenner, Ckenner835@aol.com

New Zealand and Australia

Presented at Neonatal, Flight and Emergency Nurses Conference in Christchurch, New Zealand and the Women's and Children's Hospital in Adelaide, South Australia.



ELNEC Oncology

ELNEC-Oncology Award Winners to be Honored at ONS Congress

In May 2006, six participants who attended the September 2004 ELNEC-Oncology course, will be given the “ELNEC-Oncology Award of Excellence” for their commitment to disseminating the curriculum to their ONS chapter members and for implementing the content into their everyday practice as oncology nurses. The awards will be given during the President’s Reception on May 3rd. The winners are:

- **Michelle Gabriel and Agnes Wong**, San Francisco Bay Area ONS Chapter
- **Meldyne Hersman**, Alaska Native Medical Center/Alaska Denali Oncology
- **Joyce Marrs and Mary Murphy**, West Central Ohio ONS Chapter
- **Teresa Money-McLaughlin**, SW Connecticut Chapter

For more information on these winners, go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/pdf/05OncologyAwardWinners.pdf>.

Inspiration, News & Resources

Death and Dying Resources

Visit www.goodendings.net, and click on “Publications” for the latest resources. Here are some examples of music for the dying, for funerals/memorial services, and for relaxation:

- **Remembering - Songs for Memorial Services (Music CD)**

When someone dies, a memorial service is an appropriate ceremony and the selection of music is an important part of this service. This newly released CD of specialty songs is designed to fill that need. Performed by a well-known music thanatologist, it blends piano with vocals in soothing and pleasing melodies. **Songs:** “The Rose”, “My Heart Will Go On”, “Morning Has Broken”, “Over The Rainbow”, “Goodbye, My Friend”, “Amazing Grace”, “Nearer My God To Thee”, “Let It Be”, “Let Us Cling Together”, “In My Life”, “The Way We Were”. \$15.00 plus s/h

- **Music for the Dying (Music CD)**

When someone is actively dying, music can play an important role by providing a sense of peace and comfort. This CD contains specially selected music performed by a well-known musician/thanatologist. Ten improvised and arrhythmic melodies feature the Therapy Harp in its simplest form. \$15.00 plus s/h

- **Tranquility - Harp for the Soul (Music CD)**

Historically, the harp has been an instrument of comfort and peace. Its tones can enhance meditation, relaxation, visualization, massage, reiki, and related therapies and are excellent for those with Alzheimer’s, dementia, and brain injuries. *Tranquility* includes 10 melodies performed on the therapy harp, allowing the mind to slip away to a more peaceful place. \$15.00 plus \$3 s/h

Please Note.....

The 17th Annual Meeting of the American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives will meet June 15-17, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency, Phoenix, AZ.

Interested in Palliative Care Master’s Program?

According to the AACN, there are currently six US schools of nursing that offer Palliative Care (PC) as an emphasis in the Nurse Practitioner (NP) or Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) master’s program. They are:

- University of Alabama, Birmingham: PC NP
- Madonna University, Livonia, MI: Adult PCNP
- New York University: PC NP
- University of Colorado at Colorado Springs: PC CNS
- St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY: PC CNS
- Daemen Colleg, Amherst NY: PC CNS



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 and course descriptions, check the ELNEC Web site at: www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/