

ELNEC Connections

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Welcome to the Spring 2008 Issue!

The End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium is pleased to bring you the Spring 2008 issue of *ELNEC Connections*, a quarterly newsletter to showcase efforts in end-of-life nursing education and practice. 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 Aetna, Archstone, and California HealthCare Foundations. ELNEC is administered through a partnership between the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the City of Hope (COH).



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50th National ELNEC Train-the-Trainer Course to be Held in Chicago: Celebration Gala to Follow

Nurses will be coming from around the US and other countries to participate in the 50th National ELNEC train-the-trainer course, June 25-27, 2008 at the Allerton Hotel in Chicago, IL. This landmark ELNEC-SuperCore course and the other 49 preceding courses will be celebrated on Saturday, June 28 at the same hotel.

After seven years and 50 national ELNEC courses, nurses from all parts of the world are receiving palliative care education and learning to provide excellent care to dying patients and their families. This is reason enough to celebrate! To date, over 4,600 nurses have attended one of the 48 national courses. The all-day celebration, to be held on Saturday, June 28, will begin with an overview and up-date of the various ELNEC projects, including ELNEC-Core, Graduate, Oncology, Pediatric Palliative Care, Critical Care, Geriatric, and International. Over 20 ELNEC trainers will display posters, describing their many efforts in implementing and disseminating ELNEC in schools of nursing, acute care facilities, clinics, homecare settings, hospices, critical care units, skilled nursing/long-term care facilities, and pediatric camps. In the evening, a celebration dinner will take place that will honor ELNEC faculty and six distinguished ELNEC trainers.

If you have any photos of ELNEC courses you have taught, we would love to share them at the celebration. You may send photographs electronically to Pam Malloy at pmalloy@aacn.nche.edu. For more information and to register for this event, go to: www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC. Please note that seating is very limited. **6.5 CE's** will be provided for the all-day event.

Five ELNEC Courses Remain for 2008

Eight National ELNEC train-the-trainer courses were scheduled for 2008. The first four courses had over 350 participants from various parts of the US, Canada, and Korea. The final five courses for 2008 are:

- ELNEC-Geriatric, May 5-7, Pasadena, CA - *Course is full, no longer taking registrations.*
- ELNEC-SuperCore, June 25-27, Chicago, IL - *Seating is limited; only a few spaces remain.*
- **ELNEC's 50th Course Celebration, June 28, Chicago, IL** - *Seating is limited; register today.*
- ELNEC-Pediatric Palliative Care, July 9-11, Pasadena, CA
- ELNEC-Critical Care, October 9-11, Washington, DC
- ELNEC-SuperCore, October 9-11, Washington, DC **NEW**

Announcement of 2009 National ELNEC courses will be posted on the ELNEC website in August. Because of a generous grant from the Archstone Foundation, **FREE** registration will be provided to California nurses for the ELNEC-Critical Care and ELNEC-Geriatrics train-the-trainer courses in 2009 and 2010.

ELNEC-CRITICAL CARE

Train-the-Trainer Course: October 9-11, Washington, DC

New Attendance Record Set at April Course

On April 21-23, over 120 nurses from across the United States attended the fourth national ELNEC-Critical Care course in Pasadena, CA. One-hundred California critical care nurses received FREE registration from the Archstone Foundation. Critical Care nurses from intensive care, coronary care, burn units, and emergency departments attended this course. To date, over 460 critical care nurses have attended a national ELNEC-Critical Care course, representing 33 states, District of Columbia, and Canada.

The ELNEC Project would like to express their gratitude to the Archstone Foundation for their generosity in funding three ELNEC-Critical Care train-the-trainer programs, one in 2008, 2009, and 2010.

ELNEC-SUPERCORE

Train-the-Trainer Courses: June 25-27, Chicago, IL ♦ October 9-11, Washington, DC

ELNEC-SuperCore Course Added to 2008 Schedule Due to Increased Need

Due to the June ELNEC-SuperCore course nearly being sold-out two weeks prior to the early bird deadline, an additional course has been added to the 2008 schedule. An ELNEC-SuperCore train-the-trainer course will be held on October 9-11, 2008 at the Marriott Washington Dulles Airport Hotel (Washington, DC area). For more information and/or to register, go to: www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC. Seating is limited so you are encouraged to register early.

Three ELNEC-SUPERCORE Courses Have Been Held To Date

In October 2007, the first ELNEC-SuperCore train-the-trainer program debuted in Washington, DC with over 200 participants. The newly formatted course, which includes one PowerPoint slide per page and talking points beneath each slide, has been very well received. Trainers have reported that the new curriculum, which includes the original ELNEC-Core, Graduate and Oncology curricula, is easy to use, and the updated reference list, new case studies and videos have provided excellent supplements to their lectures. While at the ELNEC-SuperCore course, nurses have the opportunity to network with nursing faculty and nurses who work in hospice, homecare, acute care, and oncology clinics. Case studies are provided within each module for these subspecialties. One of the highlights of ELNEC-SuperCore is breaking into small groups and learning self-care strategies.

ELNEC-PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE

Train-the-Trainer Course: July 9-11, Pasadena, CA

6th National Course to be Held in July

From July 9-11, 2008, pediatric nurses will arrive in Pasadena, CA to review the ELNEC-Pediatric Palliative Care (PPC) train-the-trainer course. This year, Lori Butterworth and Devon Dabbs, Co-Founders and Co-Executive Directors of the Children's Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition will present an up-date on their work in California to provide care to the most vulnerable citizens of our country – our children. In addition, Karen Durgans, who has worked on the *A Lion in the House* PBS video, will also speak about the continued work of this film project. To register for this course, go to: www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC.

Trainer Partners with Local Hospice to Provide Camp for Children

Teresa Howell, Associate Professor at Morehead State University, Morehead, KY, has written a course for her students to participate in which allows them to work with children who have experienced a loss within the past year. Twenty students will participate in Camp Smile, a place where children can come and talk about their grief and loss. Teresa is collaborating with a local hospice team to visit hospitals in eight surrounding counties to identify children who would benefit from this camp. Camp Smile will be held on the university campus on July 14-18, 2008. For more information about this unique opportunity, contact Teresa at thowell@morehead-st.edu.

ELNEC-GERIATRIC

Train-the-Trainer Course: May 5-7, Pasadena, CA

Fourth National Course to be Held with Record-Breaking Attendance

Nurses who work in long-term care, skilled nursing facilities, hospices, acute care, clinics, and homecare will attend the 4th national course in Pasadena, CA. One hundred California nurses who care for the elderly will receive FREE registration from the Archstone Foundation. After the May course, over 360 nurses will have attended one of the national ELNEC-Geriatric train-the-trainer courses.

The ELNEC Project would like to express their gratitude to the Archstone Foundation for their generosity in providing funding for three ELNEC-Geriatric train-the-trainer programs, one in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

University of Utah Announces Center of Geriatric Nursing

The University of Utah Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence is designed to increase the number of faculty qualified to teach geriatric nursing. The new center is one of nine in the United States funded by a five year, \$1 million grant from the John A. Hartford Foundation. Along with funding support comes the prestige of being affiliated with this nationally-recognized leader in the advancement of geriatric care and education. Ginette A. Pepper, PhD RN, FAAN will serve as the Center's Executive Director. ELNEC-Geriatrics faculty member, Patricia Berry, PhD, APRN, BC, and Dale Lund, PhD, FGSA will serve as Associate Directors.

The University of Utah Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence will capitalize on the strength of interdisciplinary collaborations in geriatric research, education and practice, a number of funded aging-related studies and access to exclusive regional and national partnerships.

For more information, go to: <http://aging.utah.edu/news/recent.html>



New Analysis Shows Hospitals Continue to Implement Palliative Care Programs at Rapid Pace: New Medical Subspecialty Fills Gap for Aging Population

According to a new Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) analysis of the latest data released from the 2008 American Hospital Association (AHA) Annual Survey of Hospitals, U.S. hospitals continue to implement palliative care programs at a rapid pace. The CAPC analysis shows that 1,299 hospitals (31%) nationwide provide palliative care programs today. This is compared to just 632 programs in 2000. Most significantly, hospitals with over 50 beds – the most likely to have a program – show a penetration of 47%.

"Palliative care represents a paradigm shift in how we treat serious illness in America. Ten years ago there were almost no hospital palliative care programs in the U.S. But if we're going to meet the needs of an aging population, it's going to be necessary for every hospital to have a program," said Dr. Diane Meier, Director of the Center to Advance Palliative Care.

Of the 4,136 hospitals appropriate for palliative care programs (psychiatric and rehab hospitals are excluded):

- 31% have a program
- 47% with over 50 beds have a program
- 77% with over 250 beds (large size hospitals) have a program

By 2030, it is expected that the number of older Americans will have more than doubled to 70 million people – or one in every five Americans. With the availability of advanced medical technologies the growing numbers of older adults are expected to live longer, but often with serious, chronic and costly illnesses. By improving physical and psychological symptoms, caregiver well-being, and patient/family/doctor communication, palliative medicine is widely viewed as an important solution to the mounting problems faced by patients, families and the healthcare system.

Press Release from CAPC, April 14, 2008

ELNEC-INTERNATIONAL



Faculty Return to Salzburg to Provide Training to Eastern European Nurses

From March 30-April 4, ELNEC faculty, Nessa Coyle, Patrick Coyne, Betty Ferrell, and Judy Paice provided the second ELNEC course to Eastern European Nurses, who have little experience and few resources to offer excellent palliative care. Thirty-nine nurses came from 17 different Eastern European countries to gain knowledge about excellent palliative care.

In October 2006, this same team debuted the ELNEC-Core curriculum at the 1st Salzburg Institute of Medicine. Both courses were supported by the Open Society Institute.

The highlight of this course was being able to give each participant a copy of the ELNEC curriculum in Russian, so they can return to their home and train other Russian-speaking nurses.

ELNEC Has Been Translated into Japanese!

Sayaka Sakamoto Takenouchi attended her first ELNEC course nearly three years ago. At the time, she was going to school and working in San Diego, CA. Once she returned to Japan, her mission was to continue with her studies and begin translating the ELNEC curriculum into Japanese. Sayaka, who lives in Kyoto, Japan, is a graduate student at the Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine, Department of Biomedical Ethics. Sayaka plans to train many of her Japanese colleagues, using the ELNEC-Japanese curriculum, so that palliative care can be improved in her community and country. If you are interested in learning more about this project, you may contact Sayaka at: takenouchisayaka@leaf.ocn.ne.jp.

Work Has Begun on Translating ELNEC into Korean and Chinese

Hyun Sook Kim, Associate Professor in the Department of Elderly Health & Welfare at Chungju National University, Chungbuk, South Korea is also beginning work on the ELNEC-Korean version. For more information, contact Hyun Sook Kim at: hyunsookkim@cju.ac.kr or oldcare@hotmail.com.

Sandy Stokes, Pauline Nee and a team of other volunteers at the Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care are in the process of translating parts of the ELNEC-Core curriculum. For more information, contact Sandy at: middleway2@yahoo.com.



美華慈心關懷聯盟
Chinese American Coalition
for Compassionate Care

Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care Receives Award

The Kaiser Foundation Health Plan/Hospitals Board of Directors has selected the Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care, for a 2007 David Lawrence Community Service Award (DLCSA). The purpose of the award is to recognize Kaiser Permanente employees and physicians who have demonstrated outstanding efforts to improve the health and quality of life for people in communities that they serve.



ELNEC Trainers Continue to Purchase Pins to Promote ELNEC-International

To date, over \$20,600 has been donated by ELNEC trainers and friends to the ELNEC-International fund. For those donating \$25 or more, a free ELNEC pin has been sent to them. ELNEC trainers have also purchased the pins to give to those they have trained within their institution. Pins purchased for this purpose are sold in bulk of 20 or more for \$10 per pin. All proceeds from these pins go to the ELNEC-International fund.

To date, the funds have been used to assist in translating the entire ELNEC-Core curriculum into Russian. Once further funds are obtained, ELNEC will be translated into Spanish and Chinese.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Assessing and Managing Spiritual Needs of Patients, Families, and Healthcare Professionals

The George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health (GWish) is a university-based organization working toward a more compassionate system of healthcare by restoring the heart and humanity of medicine through research, education, and policy work. GWish focuses on bringing increased attention to the spiritual needs of patients, families, and the healthcare professionals. For a list of assessment tools and other resources, go to: www.gwish.org.



Memorial Sloan-Kettering
Cancer Center

One-Year Clinical Fellowship in Pain and Palliative Care Available for Nurse Practitioners

Nurse practitioners (NPs) who are interested in pain and palliative care are encouraged to apply for a one-year clinical fellowship, sponsored by the Pain and Palliative Care Service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre, New York City. One NP will be selected each year for the fellowship and will train alongside physician colleagues. Candidates must have current New York RN and Nurse Practitioner licenses. The fellowship offers a stipend, as it is a very rigorous, full-time, clinical fellowship. Active participation within the interdisciplinary team is imbedded in the program. For further information, contact Nessa Coyle, NP, PhD, FAAN, 646-888-2698 or e-mail: coylen@mskcc.org.



City of
Hope

City of Hope has translated the Psychosocial Pain Assessment Form into Spanish

(in versions for both children and adults). All three versions are available on the Pain and Palliative Care Resource Center website: <http://www.cityofhope.org/PRC/>. Below are the direct links to each form:

- Psychosocial Pain Assessment form: <http://www.cityofhope.org/prc/Psychosocial%20Pain%20Assessment%20Form.pdf>
- Spanish version for adults: <http://www.cityofhope.org/prc/pdf/Forma%20%20Adultos%20PS.pdf>
- Spanish version for children: <http://www.cityofhope.org/prc/pdf/Formulario%20Ninos.pdf>



Pain Management and Palliative Care Conference for Social Workers

On August 7-8, 2008, social workers from across the country will attend the 3rd Annual Conference: *Promoting Excellence in Pain Management & Palliative Care for Social Workers*. The featured lecturer will be David Browning, MSW, BCD, Director for the Initiative for Pediatric Palliative Care Center for Applied Ethics and Professional Practice, Newton, MA. For more information, and/or to apply, go to: <http://sccpi.coh.org>.



The ACE Project: Advocating for Clinical Excellence - Transdisciplinary Palliative Care Education

The ACE Project is an NCI-funded study that seeks to enhance the advocacy and leadership skills of competitively-selected psychologists, social workers and spiritual care professionals through an innovative transdisciplinary educational experience. We invite your application to this important endeavor to improve the care of those who are seriously ill, the dying and the bereaved. Substantial financial assistance will be provided to ACE attendees. The course will be held November 11-14, 2008 with application deadline of June 30, 2008. For an application and more information visit: <http://www.cityofhope.org/ACEproject>, or contact Maren Spolum at (626) 256-4673 ext. 63941, ACEproject@coh.org.



Remember to register today for the
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