

Hyannis, MA. December 4, 2008 – The Hospice Education Network (HEN) today announced a new relationship with the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) project, a national educational initiative to improve end-of-life care in the United States. ELNEC has selected the Hospice Education Network, owned and operated by Weatherbee Resources, Inc., to provide its curriculum to individuals and organizations interested in high quality education on end-of-life issues.

The Hospice Education Network and ELNEC will offer the hospice industry and other interested individuals or groups online subscription access to eight ELNEC courses presented by national ELNEC faculty. The programs are part of the ELNEC Core trainings that are provided across the country by individuals who have completed the ELNEC Train the Trainer program. ELNEC will continue to offer the Train the Trainer courses throughout the country in addition to the on line courses.

“We believe this collaborative relationship will be of great benefit to individuals and organizations looking for high quality online programming on end-of-life issues,” states Betty Ferrell, PhD, FAAN, Principal Investigator of the ELNEC project. “The Hospice Education Network has the technology to make these programs available to individuals and institutions that have limited resources and would otherwise be unable to participate in the training. It is one of the most effective methods we have seen to provide this very important education to clinicians regardless of setting.”

“ELNEC has done a remarkable job educating nurses all over the country and even throughout the world. The collaboration between ELNEC and the Hospice Education Network will help both of our organizations meet the growing demand for high quality end-of-life education,” says Sheila Flynn CEO of Weatherbee Resources and the Hospice Education Network.

The Hospice Education Network currently has two of the ELNEC courses available: “Communication in Palliative Care” and “Final Hours of Life.” Additional programs will be filmed and available to subscribers by early February 2009. All courses will include CEs for eligible nurses or social workers.

About the Hospice Education Network

The Hospice Education Network, owned and operated by Weatherbee Resources, Inc., is a comprehensive, innovative service that offers staff orientation programs, annual in-services, volunteer training and specialized learning modules addressing the education needs of hospice programs and end-of life care professionals. Headquartered in Hyannis, MA, HEN is the next generation of web-based education. For more information, go to www.hospiceonline.com or contact info@hospiceonline.com or call 866 969 7124.

About the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium

The End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) Project is a national educational program administered by City of Hope National Medical Center (COH) and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) designed to enhance palliative care in nursing. The project, which began in February 2000, was initially funded by a major grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). To date, over 5,130 nurses, representing all 50 states have received ELNEC training through these national courses and are sharing this new expertise in educational and clinical settings. For more information go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/index.htm> or contact pmalloy@aacn.nche.edu or call (202) 463-6930 ext. 238.