

## Use of ELNEC Materials

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Participants who complete a national ELNEC course sponsored by AACN/City of Hope are considered ELNEC Trainers, part of a national network of specially-prepared nurse educators who are qualified to teach ELNEC content to others. A list of these ELNEC Trainers is maintained on the ELNEC Web site ([www.aacn.nche.edu/elneec](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/elneec)) in order to facilitate collaboration with and among ELNEC Trainers. In addition, local trainer courses are held around the country. While considered ELNEC Trainers, these “second generation” trainers are not listed on the national trainer list, but may sponsor training activities as described below. ELNEC Trainers may incorporate ELNEC content into already-developed programs, or create new educational activities for specific audiences. They are expected to use ELNEC materials, and may adapt the materials as described in the “ELNEC Copyright Permission” (also on the Web site). ELNEC Trainers must coordinate educational activities, but may utilize other qualified faculty as appropriate. Educational activities fall into the following categories.

1. **End-of-Life Education.** This consists of short programs of less than nine hours, and/or less than all nine ELNEC modules. *These short end-of-life care courses may have a variety of general titles (E.g., end of life care), but may not be called ELNEC training.*
2. **ELNEC Training.** Any educational activity that utilizes ELNEC materials, includes all nine ELNEC modules, and consists of a minimum of one hour per module for a total of nine hours is considered “ELNEC Training.” These programs must be coordinated through the ELNEC Project Office so that the integrity of the ELNEC curriculum is assured, and the Project Office is aware of the ELNEC training occurring around the country. *Those who complete this type of program may be designated as “ELNEC Trained”.* Although interdisciplinary audiences and students often are invited to these courses, ELNEC training is primarily designed for registered nurses. Non-RN nursing students may not receive this designation.
3. **Trainer Conferences or Train-the-Trainer Programs.** These are two or three-day conferences designed to teach a group of professional nurses to become trainers of the ELNEC curriculum, usually within a specific health care system or geographic area. *Participants who complete the program are designated as “ELNEC Trainers”*, although they are not part of the national network described above. In these trainer courses, all modules must be covered, with approximately one hour devoted to content and approximately one hour devoted to teaching strategies and resources for each module. Requests to host this type of course are individually considered, and courses are planned in close collaboration with the ELNEC Project Office. Sponsorship of trainer courses is not authorized unless this prior coordination has occurred.
4. **Nontraditional Activities.** Although ELNEC Trainers are encouraged to use creative approaches to teach this specialized content, in-person classes are the preferred vehicle. Any other proposed use must be coordinated in advance through the ELNEC Project Office. This includes posting on an agency intranet, offering classes via distance technology, preparing self-study materials, or an entrepreneurial approach. ELNEC content may not be posted to the Internet or published by ELNEC Trainers.

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