



Testimonials

ELNEC-Undergraduate

Below are testimonials from faculty who are using the new ELNEC-Undergraduate on-line program.

Nationally, there is growing awareness that inadequate attention is paid to palliative care education when considering the challenge of caring for the seriously ill and/or dying patient, especially in the growing geriatric population. At the University of Utah College of Nursing (CON), we strive to be on the cutting edge in our curricular offerings. Accordingly, we are pleased to report on our assessment of the new ELNEC course work.

One of our faculty members, Nanci McLeskey, DNP, RN, a certified ELNEC trainer, has championed the importance of including the ELNEC principles in our curriculum. As a result, ELNEC content has been imbedded in many courses at the CON since 2012. The students who have benefited from this content have provided feedback with overarching themes which include: 1) strengthening of their palliative care knowledge, 2) an increase in their level of comfort, confidence, and ability to care for seriously ill and/or dying patients, and 3) an appreciation of the opportunity to apply the principles learned to their various future nursing careers.

As a result of these successes, in January 2017, we introduced the new “ELNEC Undergraduate Online Curriculum” as an optional course for 2nd and 4th semester nursing students. This course has apparently struck a chord with our students. To our amazement, 85 of 127 students have enrolled in this voluntary, non-credit online course, which they will pursue in addition to their regular program of study!

As Dean of the College of Nursing, I view this new ELNEC online curriculum offering as a substantive benefit for our future nurses, enabling them to better address the increasingly important challenges presented by today’s growing high-risk patient populations.

Patricia Gonce Morton, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, FAAN
Dean and Professor
University of Utah College of Nursing
Salt Lake City, Utah

I wanted to thank you for your role in developing the ELNEC modules for the undergraduate students. My students just completed them and have thanked me for including them in my Adult Health course. They completed the modules before doing simulation and I saw them put into action what they had learned. They are also now telling me stories and critiquing what they see in practice, either in clinical or at their jobs as nurse techs. I am sure that the knowledge they gained through the modules will definitely affect their practice....it did in simulation. Thank you again. Anita

P.S.

This week in clinical one of the students in my class told me that she cared for a patient on comfort care. She cared for him and spent a special time with him when his family was at lunch. The patient told her that he wished she could be with him when he died because of the care she was giving him. She said that the experience was one she will never forget. I can't help but think that the modules had a significant influence on her care.

Anita Jablonski PhD, RN, CNE
Professor
Seattle University College of Nursing
Seattle, WA

Hi,

Just a note to say I've completed the modules and loved them! I've had a couple of students rave (like over the top) about the material and how they are using it in their capstone! I did ask them to write a couple of lines on how they are using them and I will send that on to you.

Thanks,
Nanci

Nanci McLeskey, DNP, MCG, MDiv, RN-BC, CHPN, FNGNA
Assistant Professor (clinical)
University of Utah College of Nursing
Salt Lake City, UT

Hello everyone,

Well Anne Marie and I viewed the student online module and we loved it!
We want to offer it to our Simmons students.

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Associate Professor and Associate Dean
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Clinical Nurse Specialist and Faculty Nurse Scientist
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"We spoke earlier today about how much I enjoyed the ELNEC course. I finished last week. It was actually hard to pull myself away from it. I found that there was so much useful information that I can use no matter where I go as a nurse and also as a human being. I really learned a lot about communication with patients and their families during end of life. I never thought about some of the ways they phrased things and that it IS appropriate to use the words "death" and "dying". This course reiterated something I learned from your bereavement course in that it is a special and sacred experience to care for those dying. It is an experience that can make you appreciate life, human relationships, and the grace of nursing. It is important to practice silence, be present, honest, and an active listener. I did not know that I would feel so much better prepared to deal with these situations after this course, but I really do. It was excellent. Thank you for giving me this opportunity."

-Student from University of Utah (Student from Nanci McLeskey)
