



CONNECTIONS - SUMMER 2010 EDITION

Advancing End-of-Life Nursing Care

END-OF-LIFE NURSING EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

Welcome

The End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) is pleased to bring you the Summer 2010 issue of *ELNEC Connections*, a quarterly newsletter showcasing efforts in end-of-life nursing education, research, and practice. This newsletter spotlights project developments and provides resources that may be useful to you as an ELNEC trainer.



About ELNEC

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 and Open Society Institutes, and Aetna, Archstone, Oncology Nursing, California Healthcare Foundations, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. ELNEC is administered through a partnership between the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the City of Hope (COH).

Two National ELNEC-For Veterans Train-the-Trainer Courses to Be Held in August

New Curriculum Provides Education To Those Who Work With Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has awarded the ELNEC Project a three-year contract to educate nurses on how to provide better palliative care for Veterans with life-threatening illnesses. Two 2010 ELNEC-For Veterans train-the-trainer courses will be held August 11-12 in Pasadena, CA and August 26-27 in Washington, DC. A new curriculum, dedicated to improving palliative care to Veterans, has been developed to meet the unique needs of nurses in caring for this population. Free registration will be provided for nurses who work in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other VA facilities. Nurses who work in non-VA facilities are also encouraged to attend this course. Ninety-six percent (96%) of Veterans are cared for in non-VA facilities. We encourage all nurses to obtain this training, no matter what your workplace. A total of four more courses will be scheduled in 2011 and 2012. For more information and/or to register for a 2010 course, go to: www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC.

Click [here](#) to read the press release on this project.

Five National ELNEC Train-the-Trainer Courses Remaining in 2010

Two ELNEC-International Courses to be Provided

ELNEC-Core (in collaboration with the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association)

- July 22-23: Houston, TX
- August 5-6: Portland, OR

ELNEC-For Veterans

- August 11-12: Pasadena, CA
- August 26-27: Washington, DC

ELNEC-Critical Care

- October 5-6: Pasadena, CA (Free Registration for 100 CA nurses. Supported by a generous grant from the Archstone Foundation)

ELNEC-International

- September 8-10: Kingston, Jamaica

- October/November: Nigeria (exact dates pending)

Visit <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/2010CourseSchedule.htm> for more details.

ELNEC Trainers Encouraged to Promote Community Collaborations

Four ELNEC Curricula Will Be Taught Simultaneously in San Diego, January 2011

As palliative care continues to expand across the United States, it is becoming more apparent that further training across all systems of care is necessary. Many patients transition from settings in the community where palliative care may not be available. We are encouraging current and future ELNEC trainers to look at the various institutions around them who provide education and care (i.e. acute care, clinics, hospices, homecare, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities, nursing homes, dialysis centers, schools of nursing, etc). Imagine your whole community—every potential institution that your patients could have access to nurses skilled in palliative care, so the care can be seamless. No matter what system of care the patient and his/her family are in, all healthcare providers would understand and practice excellent palliative care.

On January 13 and 14, 2011, nurses and other members of the interdisciplinary team will be invited to attend one of four national ELNEC train-the-trainer courses that will be presented at the Hahn School of Nursing, University of San Diego. ELNEC-Core, Pediatric Palliative Care, Geriatric, and Critical Care will be held simultaneously. While attending this course, you will be invited to attend a reception, celebrating the 10th anniversary of ELNEC. Exceptionally low hotel rates have been negotiated.

There is not a better place to be in January than in San Diego!

During the two-day course, there will be 2 objectives:

- **Becoming an ELNEC Trainer.** You will be reviewing the ELNEC syllabus you have chosen to attend (i.e. Core, Pediatric Palliative Care, Critical Care, Geriatric). Each module is accompanied by objectives, outline, Powerpoint slides with talking points, references, case studies, and supplemental teaching materials. This course is designed to give you a syllabus that will support you in future educational endeavors within your institution and community.
- **Collaborating with colleagues from your city/county/state in an effort to improve palliative care one community at a time.** You will be provided with materials to help in this effort. You will also have an opportunity to network with others from your community to develop plans to improve palliative care for patients and their families in the specific area you live in. We encourage participants to come with community partners.

This course will be provided in partnership with Palomar Pomerado, Hahn School of Nursing at the University of San Diego, and the National ELNEC Project. Further information and registration is available at <http://sandiego.kintera.org/ELNECSummitSanDiego>.

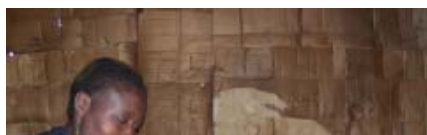
Download a copy of the [brochure](#).

A listing of additional 2011 National ELNEC train-the-trainer courses will be placed on the Web site in August 2010.

Hospice Education Network (HEN) and ELNEC Announce Pediatric Palliative Care and Geriatric Collaboration

The Hospice Education Network, a division of Weatherbee Resources, Inc. and ELNEC are expanding their collaboration by adding additional groundbreaking and relevant training modules to their curriculum. The HEN /ELNEC collaboration first began in December 2008 under the guidance of Betty Ferrell, PhD, FAAN, FPCN and Pam Malloy, MN, RN, OCN, FPCN. The project launched with eight of the ELNEC-Core courses presented by nationally known end-of-life educators. This collaboration has proved to be an enormous success, having enhanced the practice of thousands of clinicians throughout the country and ultimately improving the care of all those who are served. In April 2010 and June 2010, [ELNEC-Pediatric Palliative Care](#) and [ELNEC-Geriatric](#) went "live," respectively.

For more information and an overview of the HEN/ELNEC curriculum and modules, visit <http://bit.ly/aUYUyy> or send an email to info@hospiceonline.com for your complimentary 14-day sample view.



ELNEC-International

New Hospice Palliative Care Service in Nanyuki, Kenya is Growing

Joyce Marete is a nurse that members of the ELNEC Project Team met in July 2009, while providing training in Nairobi, Kenya. Joyce was working at the Nairobo Hospice, but in December 2009, moved back to her hometown of Nanyuki, Kenya to begin the work of palliative care to people in her community. In the past 7 months, since its inception, Joyce has seen 21 patients. Thirteen of these patients were seen in their homes and eight have died. In addition, Joyce has been busy providing palliative care awareness in community meetings, schools, and churches to leaders and enlightening healthcare providers about this care. Joyce has been fortunate to have some community-based leaders volunteer to assist in getting this information to people who live in the interior. "Our main challenge now is that we have not been able to get another nurse due to lack of funding, and there continues to be an increase in referrals," states Joyce. "We will continue this appeal and write proposals for funding, so that we can maintain this noble work." A call to assist Joyce in this work was put out to all ELNEC trainers last summer. Many of you responded and provided funds to support Joyce's efforts. If you are interested in assisting Joyce, you may do so by going to www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/Global.htm and downloading a donation form. All monetary gifts are tax deductible. If you would like to contact Joyce, she can be reached at joyce.marete@yahoo.com.

First ELNEC-Geriatric Course Held in Seoul, South Korea Over 200 participate

On July 1-3, 2010, the first ELNEC-Geriatric train-the-trainer course was presented to 203 nurses, physicians, social workers, and chaplains in Seoul, South Korea. The picture to the right shows some of those participants. Drs. Mary Ersek and Patricia Barry, national ELNEC-Geriatric faculty, attended this course and presented the modules. This course was organized by Dr. Hyun Sook Kim and her colleagues in Seoul. Hyun has been responsible for working with a team of nurses to translate ELNEC-Core into ELNEC-Korean. Hyun may be contacted at hyunsookkim@cjnu.ac.kr.



A portion of the over 200 participants in the first ELNEC-Geriatric Course held in Seoul, South Korea in July 2010.

ELNEC-Japan Continues to Grow

Since July 2008, over 11,170 Japanese nurses have received training in at least one ELNEC module. To date, over 265 nurses have completed the entire ELNEC training. Much of this work has been accomplished by Sayaka Takenouchi, who has developed partnerships with medicine, as well as nursing to promote excellent palliative care throughout Japan. In addition, Sayaka was instrumental in developing teams to translate ELNEC-Core into ELNEC-Japanese. Sayaka may be contacted at takenouchisayaka@leaf.ocn.ne.jp.



Andrew Martin, part-time faculty member at Boston College's Connell School of Nursing.

ELNEC Trainers Make a Difference

Blended Learning: An Academic Example of Implementing Online ELNEC-Core Education Through the Hospice Education Network (HEN) with Face-to-Face Classroom Time

As part-time faculty at Boston College's Connell School of Nursing, Andrew Martin understands the importance of utilizing the eight ELNEC-Core modules, available through the HEN (www.hospiceonline.com). Andrew introduced these modules into his graduate-level palliative care practicum. Since the class met for only three hours of face-to-face time every other week, it was a gift of time (equivalent to 8 hours of lecture/classroom time) to assign these courses to the students outside of the classroom. He then facilitated a discussion of the module content as the follow-up to the students' online viewing during classroom time. In addition, the subscription cost for the modules includes a Learning Management System, which allows the instructor to monitor who has viewed which modules and to track the students' post test scores. His students rated the quality, content, and ease of access to the online ELNEC modules very highly. Also, as part-time faculty at Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Andrew is in the process of developing an online, graduate and undergraduate level, summer course, *End-of-Life Care: Promoting Awareness through Film, Life Stories, and Case Studies*. This course will incorporate ELNEC components, including the eight

ELNEC-Core modules into the curriculum again. He looks forward to using the ELNEC Pediatric, Geriatric, and Veterans modules in future courses. For more information about Andrew's work, contact him at andrew.martin@bc.edu.