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End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium Pediatric Palliative Care

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Overview

The End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) Project is a national and international end-of-life/palliative care educational program administered by City of Hope (COH) designed to enhance palliative care in nursing.

Since 2000, ELNEC is a collaboration between City of Hope, Duarte, CA and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), Washington, DC. ELNEC is the world's leading nursing education initiative focused on improving the care of patients with serious illness and their families. Since its inception, this model academic-practice partnership between AACN and the City of Hope has reached healthcare professionals in all 50 states and over 100 countries around the world.

Learners reported a **36%** increase in confidence when providing care to pediatric patients receiving palliative care after taking this course.

Target Audience

This activity was developed for healthcare professionals to provide a more thorough understanding of how the end of a child's life impacts families, friends, and caregivers.

Who should attend?

- Undergraduate and graduate pediatric nursing faculty
- CE providers and staff development educators working in-pediatric settings
- Hospice nurses
- Homecare nurses
- APRN/staff nurses working in pediatric acute care settings (i.e. oncology, medical/surgical, palliative care settings, NICU, PICU, clinics, etc.)

Other members of the pediatric interdisciplinary team are welcome to attend, with the understanding that the curriculum is written by nurses for nurses.

Learner Outcome

After attending this event, participants will report increased knowledge related to providing evidence-based care for patients, as well as emotional and spiritual support to caregivers and survivors.

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Agenda

Thursday, October 15, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Check in and breakfast
- 7:50 Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 8:00 **Introduction to Peds Palliative Care**
Dora Mueller, MSPC, BSN, RN, CHPPN
- 9:00 **Pain Management**
Jennifer Fanelli, CPNP-PC
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 **Ethical Issues**
Curtis Coughlin II, PhD, MBE, HEC-C
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. **Sudden and Traumatic Death**
Jenn Hilliard, MSN, RN, CPEN
Megan Kelly
Siobhan Miller
Morgen Calgaard
- 1:30 **Communication**
Rachel Rusch, LCSW, MSW, MA, APHSW-C
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 **Loss, Grief, and Bereavement**
Jennifer Fanelli, CPNP-PC

- 4:15 Questions and Answers, Evaluation, and Wrap-up
- 4:30 Adjourn

Friday, October 16, 2026

- 7:45 a.m. Check in and breakfast
- 7:55 Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 8:00 **Perinatal and Neonatal Palliative Care**
- 9:00 **Cultural and Spiritual Considerations**
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 **Symptom Management**
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. **Family Panel**
- 1:30 **Final Hours**
- 2:45 **Self-Care**
- 4:15 Questions and Answers, Evaluation, and Wrap-up
- 4:30 Adjourn

Children's Hospital Colorado reserves the right to modify the agenda or cancel this conference in the event of an unforeseen circumstances.

Continuing Education Credit

Registration, attendance, sign-in and submission of the evaluation, including a written response to questions related to any change in practice that you may make as a result of learning that took place at this activity, are required for successful completion and receipt of the certificate of attendance. Claim only those hours you attend.

Nursing: Children's Hospital Colorado is approved with distinction as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by Colorado Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This educational activity for 14.75 nursing contact hours (10/15 - 7.25 hours; 10/16 - 7.5 hours) is provided by Children's Hospital Colorado.

Others: A general certificate of attendance will be provided to all other attendees.

Faculty

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