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End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium Pediatric Palliative Care

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Learner Packet

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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.

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

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| 7:30 a.m. | Check in and breakfast |
| 7:50 | Welcome and Opening Remarks |
| 8:00 | Introduction to Pediatric 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
Morgen Calgaard, LCSW
Marcus Davis, MDiv
Kathleen Jacobs, MSN, RN, CPEN
Megan Kelly, MS, CCLS |
| 1:30 | Communication
Rachel Rusch, LCSW, MSW, MA, APHSW-C |
| 3:00 | Break |
| 3:15 | Loss, Grief, and Bereavement
Laura Vargas, MSW, LCSW |
| 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**
Bricelyn Carrick, BSN, RN, RNC-NIC
- 9:00 **Cultural and Spiritual Considerations**
Sara Reynolds, M.Div, BCC
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 **Symptom Management**
Benjamin Moresco, MD
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. **Parent Perspective Panel**
Kayla Jackson, LCSW
Kirsten Dunn
Cecilia Correa
Marlena Field
Ben Johnson
Helen “Hels” March
Kevin Meyer
- 1:30 **Final Hours**
Jenny Sheperdigian, MSPC, RN, CHPPN
- 2:45 **Self-Care – A Guided Exploration**
Ali Feldman, MD
- 4:15 Questions and Answers, Evaluation, and Wrap-up
- 4:30 Adjourn

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Virtual Learners

ZOOM LINK: [Click here](#)

Please change your on-screen name to your first and last name. This will help mark your attendance.

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Learners are required to mark your attendance for this NCPD activity to verify participation in the program.

Sign-in opens 30 minutes prior to the event.

There are two sign-in options:

1. Text the **attendance code** to 720-790-4423 or
2. Enter the **attendance code** at ce.childrencolorado.org/code

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In-person Learners

LOCATION

Children’s Hospital Colorado – Anschutz Medical Campus
Medical Conference and Education Center
Mt. Yale Conference Room
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Please visit the check-in tables to mark your attendance.

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Handouts

Presentation handouts that will be available for sharing after October 16, 2026, once your attendance has been marked. Handouts will be posted in the Course Progress section of the activity page, located in the left navigation panel.

Participants will have access to view, download, and print the available materials for 30 days following the activity. Access will expire on November 16, 2026.

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.

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

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