

ELNEC: End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium – Introduction to ELNEC and ELNEC Pediatric Curriculum

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Course Overview

Nurses and psychosocial providers spend more time with patients and families facing the end of life than any other health professionals. They are intimately involved in all aspects of end-of-life care, and they address the myriad of needs facing individuals at this time of life. Expert nursing and psychosocial care have the potential to greatly reduce the burden and distress of those facing life's end and the ability to offer support for the many physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of patients and their families. Pediatric palliative care offers specialized and individualized care focusing on providing children and their families additional support as they navigate serious illness.

The End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC), was launched in 2000 to educate health care professionals on how to address the unique needs of children at the end of life. The curriculum was developed through the work of nationally recognized palliative care experts and reviewers and is revised annually to include new advances in the field and is modified for each distinct audience. For more information on the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC), please visit <https://www.aacnnursing.org/el nec/about>.

The curriculum consists of nine modules specific to care for children facing life-threatening illness and their families. The principle goal of the training program is to provide pediatric healthcare providers with information on pediatric palliative and hospice care and resources to integrate this content into their clinical education. Course content will be presented in several participatory formats including lectures, open forum discussions, small group activities and training sessions. These modules include:

Module 1	Introduction to Pediatric Palliative Care
Module 2	Perinatal and Neonatal Palliative Care
Module 3	Communication
Module 4	Ethical/Legal Issues
Module 5	Cultural and Spiritual Considerations
Module 6	Pain Management
Module 7	Symptom Management
Module 8	Care at the Time of Death
Module 9	Loss, Grief & Bereavement

Course Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Describe the philosophy and principles of hospice and palliative care that can be integrated across settings to affect quality pediatric care
- Summarize three aspects of excellent ongoing communication with the interdisciplinary team, the child and the family throughout palliative care
- Describe pharmacological and non-pharmacological therapies used to relieve pain and symptoms for patients receiving palliative/end-of-life care
- Name at least one thing they have learned from or about the interdisciplinary process in caring for a pediatric patient receiving palliative care or hospice

General Information

The conference will be held in the Abramson Research building on the main campus of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The registration fee is \$350 and includes registration materials, breakfast, lunch, breaks and syllabus materials. PACT is offering a limited number of scholarships. For additional information, please email PACT@chop.edu.

Accreditation



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Designation of Credit

Nurses: This program provides 11.5 ANCC hours.

Social Work Accreditation Statement

CHOP is a pre-approved provider of continuing education credits for Pennsylvania Licensed Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors. Participants licensed in Pennsylvania who attend the full workshop and complete the required evaluation are eligible for **11.5** Continuing Education Credits. Participants licensed in other states should check with local licensing boards to determine continuing education approval.

ELNEC Attribution Statement



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Hotel Accommodations

Participants are required to make their own hotel reservations by calling The Sonesta directly at (215) 561-7500. When making reservations, please be certain to specifically mention **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia** for the preferred room rate.

[Sonesta Philadelphia Rittenhouse Square](#)

1800 Market St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 561-7500

These hotels are within walking distance of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia:

[The Study at University City](#)

20 S 33rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

215-387-1400

[Sheraton Philadelphia University City Hotel](#)

36th and Chestnut Streets

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3600 Sansom Street

Philadelphia, PA 19104

215-222-0200

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Services for People With Disabilities

Participation by all individuals is encouraged. If arrangements are required for an individual with special needs to attend this meeting, please call the CME Department at 215-590-5263 two weeks in advance so that we may provide better service to you during the conference.

Register Online: chop.cloud-cme.com



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PROGRAM

Monday, October 13, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction to Pediatric Palliative Care**
Gwenn LaRagione, RN, BSN, CCM, CHPPN
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Communication**
Sonia Patel, DNP, CRNP
Kelly Mannion, BSN, RN, CHPPN
Gwenn LaRagione, RN, BSN, CCM, CHPPN
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Mindful Art Making for Healthcare Providers**
Jennifer Lemisch, MA, ATR-BC, LPC
- 1:45 p.m. **Perinatal and Neonatal Palliative Care**
Kate Ramey, MSN, CRNP, NNP-BC
- 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 p.m. **Cultural and Spiritual Considerations**
Nicole Hahnen, RN, CHPPN
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn Day 1**

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. **Pain**
Carol May, RN, MSN, MBA, CHPPN
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. **Ethical Considerations**
Kelly Mannion, BSN, RN, CHPPN
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Symptom Management**
Sonia Patel, DNP, CRNP
- 2:00 p.m. **Break**
- 2:15 p.m. **Care at the Time of Death**
Deana Deeter, CRNP, CHPPN, CPON, PMGT-BC, IFMCP
- 3:15 p.m. **Loss, Grief, Bereavement**
Nicole Hahnen, RN, CHPPN
- 4:15 p.m. **Closing Remarks and Reflections**

Unless otherwise noted, faculty is from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and/or the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

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