



2022 AWARD WINNERS

These inspiring and distinguished End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) trainers were named Excellence in ELNEC award winners for 2022:



Vanessa Battista, DNP, MBA, MS, RN, CPNP-PC, CHPPN, FPCN is a board-certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) and currently serves as Senior Nurse Director of Palliative Care at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. “I am honored to be a part of ELNEC pediatric faculty and to have had the opportunity to teach over 350 nurses nationally and over 450 nurses internationally over the past decade. It has been a pleasure watching the ripple effect of this education and I look forward to hosting a national ELNEC course at our institution in 2023. I am proud to be a part of ELNEC as it continues to evolve and grow.” battistv@gmail.com



Carrie L. Cormack, DNP, APRN, CPNP-BC, is an Associate Professor at the MUSC College of Nursing. Dr. Cormack has led the integration of palliative care education across all nursing programs, training over 1,500 students using the ELNEC curriculum. In addition, ELNEC training is mandatory for all full-time nursing faculty. Beyond the walls of the classroom, she has facilitated ELNEC trainings in community hospitals, clinical settings, during bi-annual ELNEC trainings, and unit based educational sessions for nurses and other health care professionals. cormackc@musc.edu



Carma Erickson-Hurt, DNP, ACHPN, is a hospice and palliative care nurse that teaches the online MSN program at Grand Canyon University. Carma has been teaching ELNEC since 2004 in many settings both national and international. More recently she has focused efforts on Veterans. As a Veteran herself, Carma has a passion for ensuring our Veterans are cared for and appreciated. She has co-published an article and a book chapter on caring for Veterans. Carma recently worked with NHPCO to update the ELNEC for Veterans curriculum, which can be viewed [here](#). ecarma@hotmail.com



Dr. Toni Glover, PhD, GNP-BC, ACHPN, Associate Professor at Oakland University in Michigan, is a researcher, educator, and geriatric nurse practitioner. She is dedicated to sharing primary palliative care knowledge and skills with nursing students and was recently awarded \$218,373 for the Michigan ELNEC Initiative, funded by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. The goal is to facilitate nursing students' acquisition of primary palliative care knowledge and skills through partnership and collaboration between the Oakland University School of Nursing faculty and Michigan community college nursing programs. tglover@oakland.edu



Kimberly Mau, DNP, MSN, RN is the Academic Program Director/Associate Dean for RN-BSN & UG Bridge at Western Governor's University. Through Dr. Mau's leadership, WGU has integrated ELNEC courses into their competency-based curricula for prelicensure BSN, RN to BSN/UG Bridge students and MSN to FNP students. Western Governors University's RN-BSN program utilizes ELNEC as a resource in the curriculum to assist the student to expand their knowledge and achieve competency in the area of palliative care. The course allows for the student to select from the pediatric, geriatric, critical care, or undergraduate option, and then apply the new knowledge in their direct care hours in the sphere of palliative care, which aligns to the AACN 2021 Essentials. In the last 5 years, Western Governors University's RN-BSN program has graduated 39,999 students who have completed ELNEC in the curriculum. kimberly.mau@wgu.edu



Nancy Stock, DNP, MS, FNP-BC, ENP-BC, is an associate professor of nursing at Minnesota State University Moorhead. She was instrumental earning undergraduate and graduate level recognition on the ELNEC Hall of Fame. More recently, she was a member of the group that updated the ELNEC competencies and cross-walked those competencies to the updated Nursing Essentials that were published on the ELNEC website and in the Journal of Professional Nursing. She maintains a part-time clinical practice with Sanford Health. Nancy.Stock@mnstate.edu



Dan Weiss, DNP, RN, CHPN worked 23+ years as a palliative care and hospice nurse at Sharp HospiceCare in San Diego. As Lecturer and Palliative Care Coordinator at CSU San Marcos School of Nursing in northern San Diego County, he taught the ELNEC Core and Undergraduate curricula to 200+ students/year for 7 years. Currently, Dan is an adjunct nursing faculty member at Chaminade University of Honolulu, where teaches the ELNEC Undergraduate curriculum and is developing new palliative care nursing courses. daniel.weiss@chaminade.edu



Judy Zeringue, MAPL, BSN, RN, CPNL, CHPPN, serves as Nurse Navigator/Spiritual Care for the Palliative Care Team at Children’s Hospital New Orleans. As a foundation for our Palliative Care Champions Program, we hosted ELNEC Train the Trainer for approximately 20 Nurses, Nurse Practitioners and Child Life Specialist in a hybrid model format. This training has prepared them to share their expertise and knowledge with confidence in providing optimal end-of-life care for our pediatric patients. Judy.Zeringue@lcmchealth.org



Theresa Jizba, DNP, AGACNP-BC, ACHPN, Assistant Professor at Creighton University (left) and **Lindsay Iverson**, DNP, ACNP, CHSE, Associate Professor at Creighton University (right). Creighton University integrated Graduate ELNEC into its nurse practitioner curriculum in 2021 and has utilized it as a primary palliative care education tool for approximately 217 students. In response to qualitative data from our evaluation of Graduate ELNEC, we are

revising our curriculum to include additional content regarding complex conversation and medication strategies for symptom management. We intend to expand our assessment of Graduate ELNEC to include multiple national nurse practitioner programs to generate recommendations that will further enhance primary palliative care education for graduate nursing. TheresaJizba@creighton.edu

International Awardees



Maria Aleksandrova, RN, is an anesthetist and a nurse at the ICU. Also, currently student of BSN Program in AUA. For the past 15 years, Maria's commitment has been to educate nurses in the intensive care unit (ICU). She provided an ELNEC course for 22 ICU nurses, in an effort to provide them with the resources and education needed to care for the seriously ill patients they care for. In addition, Maria provided this education to 200 nurses from various units around the Medical Center and work closely with "Xnami" Palliative Care Center. In 2013, she passed a two-year leadership course in Romania, Brasov. In 2021, Maria was named an ELNEC trainer. During last 5-weeks trainings of palliative care, 63 nurses and paramedics were educated in Norq-Marash Cardiology Medical Center and distributed palliative care knowledge in different departments of different clinics. In addition, Maria frequently participates in multiple conferences. She is a local representative for gathering a group of nurses for annual participation in palliative care conferences in Salzburg. maria.yury.aleksandrova@gmail.com



Barbarita Lee, RN, CHPN, is the Palliative Care Specialist Coordinator and Patient/Family Educator at the Cancer Center Tec 100 Hospital. She is also the founder & Director of Juriquilla Hospice and Home Care in Queretaro, Mexico. Her compassion for the dying grew before she started nursing when she was assigned as a missionary for a summer in the jungle of Chiapas, Mexico. An elderly woman who was suffering, and slowly dying in a hammock, ignited her passion to learn how to bring compassion and dignity to the suffering of Mexico. She graduated nursing school from Excelsior College in New York and acquired 8 years of Hospice experience with adults and children at San Diego Institute of Palliative Medicine. After working and training at San Diego Hospice, she returned to Mexico with a goal to create palliative care programs in areas where there were none. She was hired by the Cancer Center of Queretaro in 2021 to help design a Palliative Care program which includes education for families and staff as well as home visits for the terminally ill. During that formation, ELNEC provided scholarships in 2021 for the Cancer Center staff to become trainers. Now there are 5 ELNEC trainers in the Mexican state of Querétaro. She lectures by invitation at the University of Anáhuac to medical students using ELNEC's Module 8: The Final Hours. Since arriving in Queretaro, she has begun a local palliative care service in Juriquilla and is currently leading an online ELNEC course through Relias. She is working closely with another ELNEC Trainer, Dr. Pamela Salcido, with hopes to hold many more in-person ELNEC workshops for 2023. She is a current member of the Association of Palliative Care of Latin America (ALCP) & The International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHCP). She also regularly hosts "Death Dinners" at her home in Juriquilla and creates art related to death and dying. With her continual efforts and passion, she is committed to the advancement of palliative education for health care workers, patients and their families in Mexico. Her goal now as a ELNEC Trainer is that ELNEC workshops will be available in every hospital, care center and medical/nursing school in Mexico. blee@cancercentertec100.com

Congratulations and thank you all for your support and dissemination of ELNEC!