



**Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing**  
**Number NURS 3306**  
**Spring 2025**

**Scheduled Class Days and Times:**

**Online**

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**Course Description:** 7-week online course in conjunction with the End of Life Nursing Education Consortium. ELNEC online curriculum was designed to integrate palliative care in undergraduate nursing education and new nurse graduates across the nation. The online format means the ELNEC curriculum is equally available to students in rural areas and helps standardize palliative care nursing education.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- 1) Professionalism: Demonstrate professional behavior and ethical decision-making processes considering the unique needs of patients receiving palliative care.
- 2) Patient-Centered Care: Select and apply a plan of care that is patient-centered and holistic, reflecting the specialized needs of patients dealing receiving palliative care.
- 3) Evidenced-Based Practice (EBP): Recognize the role of evidence-based practice in providing safe and effective care for the palliative care patient.
- 4) Informatics & Technology: Examine the importance and use of informatics and technology in delivering quality care and developing astute clinical decision-making skills in the palliative care environment.

- 5) Quality Improvement: Compare quality improvement initiatives for chronic health conditions and its relation to the improvement of patient outcomes and healthcare delivery systems.
- 6) Teamwork and Collaboration: Demonstrate effective inter-professional communication skills to achieve quality patient care through collaborative efforts focused on palliative care considerations.
- 7) Leadership: Examine the effect of leadership and patient advocacy on nursing practice directed to the palliative care patient.
- 8) Safety: Apply appropriate safety measures that reduce patient safety risks and fosters a safe working environment in the palliative care setting.

### **Required Textbooks and Readings:**

ELNEC-Undergraduate Curriculum purchased through ELNEC Academy's Website:  
<http://elnec.academy.reliaslearning.com>

### **Special Course Notes:**

This course requires you to use ELNEC academy, an external website/resource, to complete homework or assessments.

### **Assignments and Weights/Percentage/Point Values**

1. Quizzes	50%
2. Discussion Boards	15%
3. Reflections	25%
4. Final Zoom	10%

**Grading Scale:** Specific guidelines and grading criteria for all assignments are in the Modules. Final grades for the course will be determined based upon the following point assignments:

- A - 90-100
- B - 80-89
- C - 75-79
- D - 60-74
- F - Below 60

Final course grades less than 75 are not rounded up.

The simple average of all exam grades, including a final, must first be at or above 75% in order to pass the course. Once the student has achieved a simple exam average of 75% or higher, course grades will be determined based on the weighted calculation of exams and other required course work.

**Academic Integrity:** Cheating of any kind, as defined in Section 8 of the UT Tyler Manual of Policies and Procedures (MOPP) for Student Affairs (<https://www.uttyler.edu/mopp/>), will not be tolerated. Consequences may include:

- reprimand
- exam failure
- course failure
- expulsion from the Nursing program
- expulsion from the University
- other consequences as assigned

**Artificial Intelligence in course work:** In this course, we may use AI tools (such as ChatGPT and Copilot) to examine how these tools may inform our exploration of the class topics. You will be notified as to when and how these tools will be used, along with guidance for attribution. Using AI tools outside of these parameters violates UT Tyler's Honor Code, constitutes plagiarism, and will be treated as such.

**Exam and homework materials, questions, and problems are the intellectual property of faculty, UT Tyler, or publishers.**

- These materials may not be distributed without permission.
- Distributing or uploading them to online resources destroys the integrity of the assignment and the course, allowing others an unfair advantage by letting them view the materials.
- Uploading these materials to online resources is a violation of UT Tyler's academic misconduct policies and may result in formal conduct charges.
- Sanctions for uploading or otherwise divulging the contents of these materials can include:
  - a reduced or failing grade on an assignment
  - a reduced or failing grade for the course
  - removal from the Nursing program
  - removal from UT Tyler

**Late Policy:** 5% will be deducted each day an assignment is past due unless prior arrangements have been made with your course faculty. Extenuating circumstances may apply.

**Repeating a Course:** Students repeating this course may not use previously submitted assignments nor utilize the same patients for an assignment. Submitting the same or slightly modified assignments from previous semesters is considered self-plagiarism and is subject to academic discipline, including failing the assignment or the course.

**Attendance and Make-up Policy:** Attendance/participation is expected. Make-up for exams, quizzes, assignments, and missed clinical time is at the instructor's discretion.

**Grade Replacement:** Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

### Important Course Dates:

<https://www.uttyler.edu/academics/academic-calendar/>

**Classes Begin: January 2nd**

**Census Date: (withdraw without penalty): January 8, 2025**

**Last Date to Withdraw:** Please contact your advisor to discuss withdrawing from the course and notify your course instructor. **February 2, 2025**

**Last day of class: Online February 22, 2025**

### Calendar of Topics, Readings, and Due Dates:

*Readings-Please refer to Canvas Course for all assigned readings*

Date	Activity	Lecture Topics	Assignments
Week 1 1/6-1/12	Module 1	ELNEC academy Module 1-Introduction to Palliative Care	Week 1 guided reflection & ELNEC EXAM 1 Due 1/12/2025
Week 2 1/13-1/19	Module 2	ELNEC academy Module 2- Communication in Palliative Care	Week 2 guided reflection & ELNEC EXAM 2 Due: 1/19/2025
Week 3 1/20-1/26	Module 3	ELNEC academy Module 3-Pain Management in Palliative Care	Week 3 guided reflection & ELNEC EXAM 3 Due:1/26/2025
Week 4 1/27-2/2	Module 4	ELNEC academy Module 4-Symptom Management in Palliative Care	Week 4 guided reflection & ELNEC EXAM 4 Due: 2/2/2029
Week 5 2/3-2/9	Module 5	ELNEC academy Module 5--Loss, Greif, and Bereavement	Week 5 Guided Reflection & ELNEC EXAM 5 Due:2/9/23
Week 6 2/9-2/16	Module 6	ELNEC academy Module 6- Final Hours	Week 6 Discussion Board & ELNEC EXAM 6 Due: 2/16/2025

			Final Zoom question due by: 2/16/2025
Week 7 2/17-2/22	Final	The Interdisciplinary Team	Final Zoom Scheduled: Monday 2/18/2025 time TBA

School of Nursing Policies and Additional Information can be found at the website below.

[https://www.uttler.edu/nursing/college/student\\_guide\\_and\\_policies.php](https://www.uttler.edu/nursing/college/student_guide_and_policies.php)

Student Resources and University Policies and Information are provided in Canvas.