

END-OF-LIFE ETHICS

Self-Study DVD or ONLINE Course

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

End-of-Life Ethics examines, using a case study approach, the ethical issues and dilemmas that emerge at the end-of-life. Ethical decisions at the end of life provide a point where all the factors that influence end-of-life care such as finances, laws, values, culture, and technology converge. The decisions that are made at the end-of-life affect not only the way that the person dies, but also the ways that survivors face the loss. These decisions may influence staff – affecting morale and turnover consequently directly influencing patient care as well as families struggling with grief. This program explores ethical dilemmas that are likely to arise at the end-of-life, the principles of ethical decision-making and the effects of these decisions on staff and families.

METHOD OF PRESENTATION / PROGRAM MATERIALS / FEES

Hospice Foundation of America has taken the award-winning HFA *Living With Grief*® program and created a self-study course for professionals. The self-study course is available in both DVD and ONLINE formats. As there are no refunds on registration (all registrations have immediate access to program video & materials), please be sure to test the system requirements prior to purchase. All self-study courses are for one individual only.

DVD COURSE. The DVD course may be completed at your convenience, at home. All materials are sent to you via mail. Materials contain a full-length DVD of HFA's program, a copy of HFA's *Living With Grief* companion textbook, learning objectives, panel information and a participant evaluation and exam.

HOW THE SELF-STUDY DVD PROGRAM WORKS:

Step 1 - Register for the course.

Step 2 - View the DVD in its entirety.

Step 3 - Read the 3 selected chapters of HFA's companion book.

Step 4 - Follow the instructions provided to receive your CE certificate online. An evaluation form and a short exam are a part of this online process.

ONLINE COURSE. The ONLINE course may be completed at your convenience, directly online. All materials are available to you immediately after registering for the course (at www.hospicefoundation.org). Materials contain the full-length Online Video, three selected chapters of HFA's companion book (posted online only), learning objectives, panel information and a participant evaluation and exam. A link to the materials is also available in your receipt for the program.

Please note: Use this test page (<http://hospicefoundation.org/Professionals/All-Programs/All-Self-Studies/Video-Test-Page>) to see if you support our video player. Please ensure you have the capabilities to view and hear the program, as HFA does not provide refunds on registration. HFA is not responsible for any charges you may incur from your mobile service provider.

HOW THE ONLINE SELF-STUDY PROGRAM WORKS:

Step 1 - Register for the course. The online video and program information are then available to you on the Download area online.

Step 2 - View the ONLINE Video in its entirety.

Step 3 - Read the 3 selected chapters of HFA's companion book (located online).

Step 3 - Follow the instructions provided to receive your CE certificate online. An evaluation form and a short exam are a part of this online process.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register directly online, on HFA's website: www.hospicefoundation.org. To have a registration form mailed to you, contact HFA at 800-854-3402 or by email at educate@hospicefoundation.org.

REGISTRATION FEES

For current prices, please see HFA's website at www.hospicefoundation.org.

There are no refunds for registration after 30 days after registration is complete (or after materials are shipped). *Few exceptions may occur depending on the circumstance. To request a refund, a written request must be received (and granted) by HFA and all program materials must be shipped back to HFA's main office, at the cost of the individual sender, before the refund is granted.

MODERATED BY

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EXPERT PANELISTS

- **Timothy R. Arsenault, MA**, Director of Spiritual Care for Suncoast Hospice
- **Karen Bullock, PhD, LCSW**, Associate Professor at North Carolina State University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Social Work
- **Eileen R. Chichin, PhD, RN**, Co-Director of the Greenberg Center on Ethics and Palliative Care at Jewish Home Lifecare and an adjunct assistant professor at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine at Long Island University
- **Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, MDiv**, Professor of Gerontology at the Graduate School of the College of New Rochelle
- **Bruce Jennings, MA**, Director of Bioethics at the Center for Humans and Nature, Lecturer at the Yale School of Public Health, Lecturer at the Weill Medical School-Cornell University, and a Senior Consultant at The Hastings Center
- **Hank Willner, MD**, Hospice Medical Director and Palliative Care Consultant at Capital Caring

*Full panelist bio will be located in your program materials.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Clergy, counselors, nurses, nursing home administrators, social workers, case managers, psychologists, physicians, funeral directors, marriage and family therapists, caregivers, and those working with death, dying, grief or bereavement. **Program is useful for all levels of education – entry level, intermediate or advanced.**

CONTINUING EDUCATION

End-of-Life Ethics is available for 3 credits of continuing education. CE credits are available to participants online only (after completing the course). CE credits are included in the cost of registration. A complete list of board approvals for this course is posted to HFA's website (at www.hospicefoundation.org).

COURSE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must view the entire 2.5-hour program (DVD or ONLINE video) and read the 3 selected book chapters (approximately reading time is 30-minutes). Partial credit is not awarded. Participants must also complete the entire CE process online, before the CE deadline (1 year after purchase of course). In order to go online, two codes will be issued to you and verified online; a Site # (Your Order #) and the Course Code (provided at the end of the program). The online CE process includes a required evaluation form and exam. The exam must be completed at 80% or above (the exam may be re-taken, if necessary). Attendees will be able to choose the board they wish to receive credit from (from Hospice Foundation of America's list of board approvals*) and will then be able to print their CE certificate immediately after completing all CE requirements online (on HFA's CE site at <https://educate.hospicefoundation.org>).

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS PROGRAM, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

1. Describe the process of ethical decision-making;
2. Discuss four principles of bio-medical ethics;
3. Describe end-of-life ethical dilemmas, such as disclosure and communication, surrogate decision-making, artificial nutrition and hydration, and palliative sedation;

4. Describe complicating factors when patients are children and adolescents;
5. Discuss the ways that cultural values and beliefs may influence ethical decisions at the end of life;
6. Describe the ways that ethical issues at the end of life can create moral distress and influence the grief reactions of families and hospice and palliative staff and volunteers.

AGENDA / SEGMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The full segment highlights are posted in the Program Guide (located in your program materials). Segment summaries will be as outlined below:

SEGMENT I: Why Should We Look at Ethics in End-of-life Care?

SEGMENT II: How Do We Decide Ethical Issues?

SEGMENT III: Who Decides Ethical Dilemmas?

SEGMENT IV: What Should Be Decided?

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SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITY (ADA)

This is based on individual location(s).

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Planners (Panelists and Review Committee Members) disclose no conflict of interest relative to this educational activity.

FOR QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR ADDRESSING GRIEVANCES

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