Hospice Foundation of America’s Program

THE IMPACT OF END-OF-LIFE EXPERIENCES ON BEREAVEMENT

Self-Study ONLINE Course

DESCRIPTION
This presentation will focus on published research that describes and validates patients dreams and visions at the end of life. Dr. Kerr will explore how these near universal experiences often provide comfort and meaning as well as insight into the life led. The presentation includes videos of patients and families describing the meaningfulness of these powerful end-of-life experiences.

PROGRAM DETAILS
Hospice Foundation of America has taken its popular webinar program and created a self-study course for professionals. The online presentation features an experienced professional offering his own expertise on the topic. On the screen, you will see the slide presentation and will be able to see and hear the expert presenter.

RELEASE DATE: Program originally premiered July 12, 2022
ON DEMAND: to registered individuals for 1 year after purchase
LENGTH: 90 minutes
CE HOURS: 1.5 hours for a wide variety of professional boards
CE Fee: One CE certificate is included in the cost of registration. Additional certificates (if selecting more than one board) are $10 each.
CONTENT LEVEL: The program is mainly for professionals already working in the field, but is practical for all levels of education – entry level, intermediate or advanced.
TARGET AUDIENCE: The course is useful to Health care clinicians, social service clinicians and others working in the hospice, palliative care, counseling, hospital, nursing home, funeral home or faith community environments

HOW THE ONLINE SELF-STUDY PROGRAM WORKS
Step 1 - Register/purchase the course
Step 2 - View the course online through the link in your confirmation email or in your account.
Step 3 - Follow the instructions provided to receive your CE certificate*.
*An evaluation and a short exam are a part of this process.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS
To view this online program, you will need a computer and screen, reliable internet access, and speakers. Please test your system ahead of time to ensure you have the capabilities to view and hear the program. Mobile service provider charges may apply.

TEST LINK for Audio and Video:
http://hospicefoundation.org/Professionals/All-Programs/All-Self-Studies/Video-Test-Page

REGISTRATION INFORMATION/FEES
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.

For current prices, please refer to HFA’s website at www.hospicefoundation.org.
There are no refunds on registration. *Few exceptions may occur depending on the circumstance. To request a refund, a written request must be received (and granted) by HFA.

REGISTRATION POLICY

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION
Provides one person, the registrant, access to the self-study course for personal viewing.

MULTIPLE VIEWER REGISTRATION
Provides one person, the registrant, access to the webcast for streaming from one computer to a group of people. Program access fees remain the same; CEs are included in course fees for the registered user and are $12 per additional participant per course. Please note that self-study courses accommodate individual learners only unless prior arrangements are made through HFA for additional certificates. Contact HFA at 202-457-5811 or email us at educate@hospicefoundation.org to register the additional participants.

MATERIALS AREA
Course materials are accessible to all registered individuals immediately after registering. Program materials are available on HFA's website at https://hospicefoundation.org/Shop-HFA/My-Account. From here, click on "Orders/Courses." Materials contain the full-length video, CE instructions, the program’s slides, and additional program material. Information will be posted to your account as they become available.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS PROGRAM, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:
1. To understand and describe the quantify and qualitative data pertaining to patients’ experiences at the end of life
2. To describe the distinction between delirium and end-of-life experiences
3. To describe the impact of end-of-life experiences on the bereaved

PROGRAM OUTLINE
1. Review the end-of-life studies pertaining to quantified data- frequency/incidence, degree of realism, comfort versus distress, changes relative to days before death, content (10 minutes)
2. Review the distinction between delirium and end of life experiences (10 minutes)
3. Describe the paradox of end-of-life processes- physical vs psychologic/spiritual processes (15 minutes)
4. Review the data which suggests end of life experiences contain elements consistent with post-traumatic growth (15 minutes)
5. Describe the case studies illustrating pediatric end of life processes (15 minutes)
6. Describe the data that describes the effects of end-of-life experiences on the bereaved (15 minutes)
7. Question and Answer Session (10 minutes)

CONTINUING EDUCATION
This program is available for 1.5 credits of continuing education. CE credits are available to the registered participant online (after completing the course). One CE certificate is included in the cost of registration. Additional certificates (if selecting more than one board) are $10 each. 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 90-minute program (online-streaming video). 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 # (same as your Order/Invoice #) and the Course Code (provided in your CE instruction sheet). 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*). Participants will then be able to print
their CE certificate immediately after completing all CE requirements online (on HFA’s CE site at

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EXPERT SPEAKERS
Christopher Kerr, MD, PhD, is the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Executive Officer for Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo. Alongside direct patient care, Dr. Kerr’s focus is in the areas of leadership and patient advocacy. He has overseen the integration and expansion of palliative care into hospitals and developed a large home-based program for both adults and children and has published on innovative program models that are designed to better align patient/family services to the complexity of needs inherent to advanced illness. Dr. Kerr’s background in research has evolved from bench science toward the human experience of illness as witnessed from the bedside, specifically patients’ dreams and visions at the end of life. Although medically ignored, these near-universal experiences often provide comfort and meaning, as well as insight into the life led and the death anticipated. To date, the research team at Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo has published multiple studies on this topic and documented over 1,500 end-of-life events, many of which are videotaped. Dr. Kerr’s work was published in a recent book called Death Is But a Dream.

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Reasonable accommodation may be made available, on an individual basis. To request accommodation, please contact HFA via email at educate@hospicefoundation.org or call 800-854-3402, or write to HFA, 1707 L Street NW, Suite 220, Washington, DC 20036.

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