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**Preparing the Next Generation:**

**Teaching Serious Illness and Palliative Care Competencies**

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Preparing the nursing workforce to provide high-quality care for individuals with serious illness requires the purposeful integration of palliative care competencies across the curriculum. This interactive workshop will introduce nursing faculty to practical tools and strategies for incorporating serious illness and palliative care content into classroom, clinical, and simulation learning environments. Led by ELNEC education champions who are advancing innovative models of palliative care education, the session will guide participants in aligning palliative care competencies with the AACN Essentials, applying competency-based teaching and evaluation methods, and engaging students through experiential learning activities. Faculty will leave with concrete strategies, ready-to-use resources, and a curated toolkit to strengthen their teaching and leadership in preparing the next generation of nurses to competently and compassionately care for individuals and families facing serious illness.

**Outcomes:** Participants will engage in practical activities and leave with concrete tools and curricular resources to strengthen serious illness and palliative care education within their programs.

**Session Objectives:**

1. Describe key palliative care competencies and describe how they align with the AACN *Essentials*.
2. Identify competency-based approaches for designing and evaluating learning activities in classroom, clinical, and simulation settings.
3. Enhance leadership and collaboration in palliative care education.

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