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The **Master of Science and Graduate Certificates program in Palliative Care** hosts open house sessions throughout the year. Use this opportunity to get your questions answered directly from program director **Dr. Mary Lynn McPherson**. See what all the buzz is about and get yourself **registered** today!

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Listen to program director **Dr. Mary Lynn McPherson** interview various individuals in the healthcare industry as well as current faculty and **students** in the online Master of Science and Graduate Certificates program in Palliative Care. The **most recent** is an interview with Dr. Susan Kristiniak, from the University of Pennsylvania, who has taught thousands of nurses how to provide aromatherapy. Check it out!

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**Brag Book**

We have the MOST AWESOME faculty and students in the online Master of Science and Graduate Certificates program in Palliative Care in the world! Let's take a look at some of the amazing things our students and faculty have been up to.

**Patrick Coyne, MSN** (PALC 601 and 615)
- 2017 Stovall Award winner - for innovation in patient-centered cancer care. Click [here](#) to read more.
- [ELNEC-APRN: Meeting the Needs of Advanced Practice Nurses Through Education](#)

**Carla Cheatham, Mdiv, PhD** (PALC 604, 614)
- Performed the Closing Plenary for the 2017 Virtual Conference titled, "Healing Ourselves First: Resilience as Our Greatest Clinical Competence." Co-hosted by [NHPCO](#), [AAHPM](#) and [HPNA](#).
- Led Pediatric Grand Rounds for [Children's National Medical Center](#) in DC and provided the keynote for their Palliative Care Symposium.
- On Sept. 29, 2017, she provided a keynote titled, "Ethical Emotional Boundaries for Professionals" for the 2017 [Avera Cancer Institute Oncology Symposium](#), along with a concurrent session titled, "BE-ing with Suffering: What To Say, What Not to Say, and How To Show Up Well."

**Delia Chiaramonte, MD** (PALC 606)

**Connie Dahlin** (PALC 601)
- [ELNEC-APRN: Meeting the Needs of Advanced Practice Nurses Through Education](#)
- Press Release of National Project: Four National Palliative Care Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Externship Sites Selected. This program will promote primary palliative care education for APRN's and has been created with the financial support of the Cambia Health Foundation's Sojourns Scholars Leadership Program, where Ms. Dahlin has been given incredible financial support to create a project that will have a major impact on mid-career education for APRN's, and with administrative support from the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association.

**Jessica Geiger-Hayes, PharmD** (Class of 2019)

**Kenneth Scott Guess, PharmD** (Class of 2019)
Chuck Hodell, PhD (PALC 602)
- Has been elected president of Shenandoah Women's Center, which operates the only shelter for abuse victims and the victims of sexual trafficking in the three counties in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, MA, MDE, BCPS (PALC 601, 602, 605, 607, 612, 615, 617)
- Publication: McPherson ML. Pharmacists can help right the ship in the opioid crisis. Pharmacy Today 2017;43.

John Morris, MD (PALC 612)
- Taught a CAPC webinar on July 20, "Billing and Coding for Community Based Palliative Care - New Opportunities to Improve Reimbursement."
- Hosted a Four Seasons Palliative Care Immersion Course July 10-14.
- Joined the board of directors of the California State Institute of Palliative Care.
- Has been hired as a consultant by the University of North Carolina Health System to help facilitate a palliative care strategic plan for the health care system.

Shirley Otis-Green, MSW (PALC 603)
- Has been selected to receive the Hymann J. Weiner Leadership Award from the Society for Social Work Leaders in Health Care (SSWLHC).
- This prestigious award was presented to Ms. Otis-Green at the SSWLCH 2017 Annual Meeting & Conference.
- To read more about the conference please click here.

Michelle Pearce, PhD (PALC 606)
- Spoke at the American Association of Christian Counselors in Nashville, Tenn on Faith and Psychotherapy to Treat Depression, during the week of Sept. 22, 2017.

Kirstin Springmeyer, Mdiv (Class of 2019)
- Publication: Using Art to Facilitate Spiritual Exploration ChiPPS e-journal pages 26-29

Marguetite Russo, PhD (PALC 603, 617)
- Spoke and presented original research at the 28th International Nursing Research Congress in Dublin, Ireland for the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing on July 30, 2017.
- Dr. Russo’s presentation was titled "Patient reported outcome measures enhance the nursing process and patient centered care in heart failure."
- Dr.’s Russo and Debra Wiegand, PhD (PALC 603), were invited by the International End of Life Nursing Association Consortium (ELNEC) to teach the Critical Care "Train the Trainer" ELNEC curriculum to over 250 nurses on Aug. 10-12 held in Seoul, Korea.

Martha Twaddle, MD (PALC 612)
- Has been named the new medical director of Palliative Medicine and Supportive Care at Northwestern Medicine - Lake Forrest Hospital.
- Taught a course with Dr. Lynn McPherson in Lubbock, Texas at the 12th Annual Frank M. Ryburn, Jr., MD Hospice & Palliative Medicine Symposium.
Kathryn A. Walker, PharmD, BCPS, CPE (PALC 610)

Turner West, MPH (PALC 610)
- Publication: Along with colleague Julia Driessen, wrote an article titled, "Variation In End-Of-Life Care Is An Open Invitation For Accountable Care Organization Innovation," for Health Affairs.
- To read the full article, please click here.

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