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HopeHealth Launches Hope Academy

Education provided to all caregivers of people with serious illness

Hyannis, MA – HopeHealth, a nonprofit healthcare organization, announced the launch of Hope Academy, its newly branded professional and community education and training offering. The program is designed expressly to enhance understanding, knowledge and skills pertinent to the care of people with serious illness and includes a rich continuing education curriculum for healthcare professionals.

Hope Academy’s professional educators offer more than 20 accredited courses spanning in-service training, CE and CME programs. The curriculum covers a myriad of subjects pertaining to the needs of people facing serious illness, end-of-life care, grief or loss — and to their caregivers. Current offerings include topics in Alzheimer’s and dementia, symptom management, serious illness and end-of-life care. Certifications are available in End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) and Alzheimer’s Care Management. These certificate courses are designed for professionals to gain the confidence and knowledge to effectively work with individuals and families in both the community and facility setting.

The curriculum also includes a Speaker’s Bureau, along with presentations and education designed for the lay community, offered free of charge throughout eastern Massachusetts. Topics include Advance Care Planning, Understanding Loss and Grief in Your Organization and Understanding Dementia.

Hope Academy conferences are designed for leaders in the healthcare field, focused on a variety of topics including care delivery models, pain and symptom management, grief and loss, emerging research in Alzheimer’s and other dementias, and other topics pertinent to caring for people coping with serious illness. They engage a roster of experts in their fields to offer insights and practical information relative to new research and treatments.

“We know how critical it is in healthcare to consistently produce quality outcomes, deliver excellent care and ensure customer satisfaction,” said David Rehm, HopeHealth’s CEO & president. “All of us, at some point, will be faced with caring for an aging parent, a spouse, sibling or friend with a chronic illness, or the loss of someone dear to us. HopeHealth helps to

prepare and educate the healthcare professionals who care for them with the latest trends and research in Alzheimer's, symptom management and end-of-life care and planning.”

About [HopeHealth](#)

HopeHealth has been enhancing the quality of life for people experiencing serious illness and loss for more than 30 years. Today, the non-profit organization delivers a wide range of medical care, care management and support services throughout eastern Massachusetts. The HopeHealth family of services includes: Hope Hospice; Hope HouseCalls; Hope Dementia & Alzheimer's Services; Hope Care for Kids; Hope Community Care; and Hope Academy. In June 2014, the Massachusetts Pain Initiative affiliated with the organization. Learn more by calling (800) 642-2423 or visiting [HopeHealthCo.org](#).

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