

"No One Dies Alone" Volunteer Training

**Wednesday,
March 26, 2026**

TIME

8:45am-9:00am Check-in
9:00am -12:00pm Program

LOCATION

McLeod Seacoast
Conference Room A
4000 Hwy 9 E.
Little River SC 29566

TARGET AUDIENCE

Chaplains, Clergy, Counselors, and other interested health professionals or community members interested in sitting vigil with actively dying patients who have no support from family or friends.

FEE

Free for participants

PARKING

Please park in the parking lot to the left of the building.

**McLeod Health employees should observe established employee parking guidelines.

****For Information on the McLeod Volunteer Orientation please contact Peggy Skudera, Manager Volunteer & Student Services for McLeod Seacoast, Loris and Carolina Forest at peggy.skudera@mcleodhealth.org**

**Scan the QR
code to register**



For questions, contact Melissa Brock at Melissa.brock@mcleodhealth.org

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This 3-hour course provides the skills needed to be a volunteer that provides a reassuring presence at the bedside to dying patients who would otherwise be alone. "No One Dies Alone" (NODA) volunteers at McLeod offer compassionate companionship care as they "Sit Vigil" affirming the inherent human worth and dignity of every individual in their final days or hours. NODA training is comprised of lectures, discussions, group exercises and course materials. Anyone is welcome to attend the course but to participate as a NODA Volunteer, you must have completed a McLeod Volunteer Orientation. Participant feedback is reviewed for continuous quality improvement.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this program, the participant should be able to:

1. Understand how people die.
2. Explore personal awareness and values regarding the dying process.
3. Create goals and identify concerns regarding working with dying individuals and being a comfort companion.
4. Identify communication skills that will support people who are dying.
5. Describe the physical, emotional and spiritual changes of a dying person.
6. Learn interventions to provide comfort and peace for the dying person.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Chaplain Connie Lawson

Connie is the Volunteer Team Leader of Pastoral Care Services at McLeod Seacoast, Loris and Carolina Forest. She holds an associate of arts degree from Chesapeake College, a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Maryland, and a master of science degree in Occupational Safety and Health from Southern Columbia University. Connie has been trained in *Assisting Individuals in Crisis* and *Group Crisis Intervention* through ICISF and *Sharing Hope in Crisis* through the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. She is a certified chaplain through Canines for Christ (through the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association) and started as a volunteer hospital chaplain for McLeod at Seacoast in 2016 with her therapy dog Shiloh. Shiloh has since retired.

CREDIT

AHEC: This program is approved for 0.3 CEU's (3.0 clock hours) by Pee Dee AHEC and meets SC AHEC Best Practice Standards. Participants must attend 90% of the program in order to receive a certificate of attendance. No partial credit will be given.



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