

**ISSUES AT THE END OF LIFE:  
A COMPREHENSIVE SEMINAR FOR LICENSED  
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

**DESIGNED FOR 10 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS**

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**Registration and Information:** See last page of this document.

**This seminar will cover:**

- Attitudes Toward Death: Past and Present
- Shifting Definitions of Clinical Death
- Stage Theories
- Death Anxiety, Defenses, and Measurement Scales
- Health Care Systems, Hospice, and the Role of the Mental Health Practitioner
- Family Roles and Family Communications
- Funeral Practices
- Development of Children's and Adolescent's Understanding of Death
- Facing Death
- End of Life Ethics (Euthanasia, Advanced Directives, and More)
- Legal and Financial Issues including Wills and Trusts
- Homicide, Suicide and Suicide Assessment
- Grief Theory, Grief Counseling, Meta-analyses
- Grief in Caregivers of Patients with Terminal Illness
- Large Scale Disasters

**By the end, participants will understand:**

- Own Attitudes Toward Death and Their Impact on Practice
- Death and Dying in Historical Perspective
- Current Controversies in Definitions of Terminality and Ethics
- Intervention Considerations for various Age Groups
- Hospice Care
- Importance of Wills, Trusts, and Advanced Directives
- Suicide Risk Assessment

- Grief Work and the Timing of Interventions
- Current Theories Related to Complicated (Prolonged) Grief
- Proposed Changes for DSM V
- Guidelines for Using the Marwit-Meuser Complicated Grief Inventory

**Length and times of seminar:**

This seminar, designed for 10 CEU credits, or approximately 8 ½ hours of teaching. It will be scheduled for a Saturday (9AM-3PM) and Sunday (9AM-12PM).

**Location:**

To be determined by number of participants.

**Format:**

While the primary format is lecture and discussion, with some multi-media where appropriate, it is understood that this is a professional audience with some training in working with death and grief in diverse settings. For that reason, participants will be encouraged to be active participants.

**Cost and Seminar Size:**

The cost for this 10 CEU seminar is \$400; pre-paid and non-refundable within 48 hours of the start of the seminar. Full payment is to accompany registration. A minimum of 6 attendees is required to conduct the seminar and to make it effective. A full refund will be given if less than 6 are available at the start of the seminar.

**Seminar Leader:**

The seminar will be conducted by Samuel J. Marwit, Ph.D. Sam is a licensed clinical psychologist, professor emeritus, and Diplomate with the American Board of Professional Psychology. He has devoted a large part of the past 20 years of his clinical and academic career to helping those who are dying and those who are grieving as well as to teaching and researching end-of-life issues. Among his contributions to the field are:

- Co-founder of Resources for Crisis and Change – a practice group devoted to providing direct intervention, research, and community education in grief and bereavement
- 20 years of teaching Psychology of Death and Dying courses to university students, physicians, nurses, and clergy
- Editorial Board member of *Death Studies*, and *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying*, and *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*
- 60 publications in peer-reviewed journals, approximately half of which are studies of end-of-life issues
- Featured speaker on the National Teleconference on Grief and Dementia (National Hospice Association of America)

- Hospice-Geriatric team, Jewish Hospital of St. Louis/Latvian Medical Community Partnership, United States Agency for International Development
- Developer of the Marwit-Meuser Caregiver Grief Inventory for assessing grief in caregivers of chronic and terminally ill family members
- Member, Advisory Panel of the Ad Hoc Committee on End-of-Life Issues, American Psychological Association
- Member of the DSM-V task force recommending criteria for Prolonged (Complicated) Grief

**For more information and to enroll, please contact Dr. Marwit at the above address.**

