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# Connecting with Compassion: Effective End-of-Life Conversations with Patients & Clients

A free, four-part professional development series designed to enhance confidence navigating end-of-life conversations in our unique Cook County setting

**Wednesdays | 8:15-9:45am | Cook County Higher Education  
in person or online via Zoom**

## Sessions

### ***A Way Forward***

**Wednesday, March 11**

**Dr. Kurt Farchmin**

Explore the complex network of professionals working with people at end-of-life, and how our end-of-life conversations might be reframed to make them less difficult and more meaningful.



Session 1

### ***Spirituality and Cultural Traditions***

**Wednesday, June 17**

**Rev. Anne Swallow Gillis**

**William Blackwell, Sr.**

Discover the spirituality and cultural traditions around dying and death, and their importance when assisting patients and clients.



Session 2

### ***Practical Empathy***

**Wednesday, August 12**

**Dr. Kurt Farchmin**

Address the challenge of being both graciously *and* effectively present with patients and clients when the subject is dying and death.



Session 3

### ***When We Are Also Grieving***

**Wednesday, October 28**

**Dr. Kurt Farchmin**

Recognize the importance of acknowledging and supporting one another in our individual and communal grief.



Session 4

## Presenters



**Dr. Kurt Farchmin**

Geriatrician, former Sawtooth Mountain Clinic provider, and current Elder Care Specialist with Essentia Health-Duluth Clinic



**Rev. Anne Swallow Gillis**

Retired United Church of Christ pastor and hospice chaplain



**William Blackwell, Sr.**

Grand Portage Ojibwe Spiritual Elder



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