

6TH ANNUAL
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Rural Health Nursing
CONFERENCE



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Care Across the Lifespan

November 9, 2023 | 8 AM – 3 PM

Live Webinar

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Building on the *2022 Annual Celebration of Rural Nursing*, this year's conference will focus on key topics that cover demographics from the infant to end-of-life healthcare spectrum for each generation. Content experts will discuss topics relevant to prevention and compassionate care for rural health disparities across the lifecycle. Program education topics will include: Infant mortality, adverse child experiences (ACES), suicide prevention for youth and adults, advance care directives, and hospice & palliative care.

Based on an integrated-approach curriculum design for our 2023 conference, nurses will be able to learn more about applying the evidence-based 2022 Rural Health Framework for assessing unique rural health issues in the communities they serve for each generation and topic throughout the program agenda.

**This program is jointly provided by
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and supported by NC AHEC Nurse Council.**

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Rural Health Framework & Case Studies

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Acing ACES: Winning Strategies for Adverse Childhood Experiences in Rural Communities

Patty Collins, MAEd, BSN, RN
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Suicide Prevention: Youth and Adults

Victoria Soltis-Jarrett, PhD, PMHCNS/NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN
*Carol Morde Ross Distinguished Professor,
UNC Chapel Hill School of Nursing*



End-of-Life Doulas: Helping to Complete the Life Cycle

Trish Rux, RN, End-of-Life Doula
Faculty of the Conscious Dying Collective



The Challenges of Hospice and Palliative Care in Rural Health Settings

Dwan Kelsey, MSN, RN, ANP-C
*Associate Director of Education & Nurse Practitioner
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5.75 Nursing Contact Hours

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