Description: The module is on the concept of grief and loss and will focus on: End-of-Life Care.

Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this module, the student will be able to:
1. Distinguish physiological processes involved in dying.
2. Explore common fears associated with dying.
3. Advocate for patient rights in the dying process.
4. Assess pain and symptom management needs.
5. Communicate effectively and caringly with patient and family.
6. With the interdisciplinary team, apply culturally-appropriate and spiritually-appropriate interventions to maintain comfort for the patient through pharmacological and alternative therapies.

Learning Resources:
Black & Hanks. Medical-Surgical Nursing (7th ed.). Chapters 5, 22, & 23.

Other: Bates Guide to Physical Exam and History
Ferrell. Textbook of Palliative Nursing (2nd ed.)

Websites: Hospice and Palliative Nurses’ Association  www.hpna.org

Video: “What Do I Say?”

Guest Speaker: Hospice Nurse, Minister, Pharmacist, Alternative Therapist

Learning Activities:
Complete
Simulation Lab: Demonstrate communication with patient and family. Assess stage of dying. Intervene appropriately to provide comfort. Demonstrate post-mortem care (based upon culture of patient).

Evaluation:
Content will tested on unit exam.
Clinical performance will be evaluated on Course Clinical Evaluation Tool.