



# NEDA

## National End-of-Life Doula Alliance

### ***What is NEDA?***

The National End-of-Life Doula Alliance (NEDA), is a 501(c)(6) non-profit membership organization committed to influencing positive changes in how people experience the end of life, primarily by promoting and supporting the work of end-of-life doulas (EOLDs). Our goal is to elevate the role of EOLD into a position that is well-integrated into mainstream care practices, resulting in improved outcomes for those facing challenges associated with aging, illness, death, and grief.

### ***What is an End-of-Life Doula?***

By complementing and supplementing support provided by other medical and hospice care providers, EOLDs provide holistic, non-medical support requested and required by the client and/or family—before, during, and after death. Typically, EOLD services include but are not limited to:

- Educating, guiding, and coaching
- Advance care planning
- Practical, emotional, social, and spiritual support
- Coordinating services with other care providers
- Logistical planning
- Acting as a liaison between family and friends
- Identifying and connecting with community resources
- Life review and legacy work
- Respite, companionship, and sitting vigil
- Household support
- Grief support

### ***NEDA's Purpose***

Although NEDA is not structured as a training organization, we work to inspire excellence in the field by:

- Defining roles, setting high standards, developing ethical and practical guidelines, and other measures that promote best practice in EOLD service.
- Providing rich educational and networking opportunities that build a strong foundation of knowledge, integrity, and skill.
- Creating a proficiency assessment process designed to elevate and measure individual competencies.
- Raising awareness by serving as a reliable centralized source of EOLD-related knowledge.
- Building strong alliances and collaborative partnerships with other EOL-care focused organizations and experts.
- Exploring and monitoring issues that both enhance and challenge the effectiveness and success of EOLD practice.
- Integrating diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice into all aspects of our organization.

### **Who can join?**

As a diverse and inclusive organization, NEDA offers several membership levels, allowing us to welcome all practicing and prospective EOLDs, trainers, and other interested parties, irrespective of background, personal identity and culture, level of experience, or area of focus—as long as they share NEDA’s mission, vision and values.

### **Member Benefits**

Those who join at the End-of-Life Doula, Doula Trainer, and Doula/Trainer Combo levels enjoy the following standard benefits:

- Listing in NEDA’s Membership Directory connecting members with other EOLDs, trainers, and potential clients.
- Access to exclusive educational and promotional resources via monthly newsletters, webinars, networking events, social media groups, and other channels.
- The option to earn valuable micro-credentials through NEDA’s unique proficiency assessment process (additional fee).
- Opportunities to connect and collaborate with other EOLDs, and experts in the field nationally and internationally.
- Discounted rates at NEDA conferences.
- Complementary access to Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) live programs & CE hours.
- Tuition discount for the MS in Thanatology or the Certificate in Thanatology at Marian University.
- Discounted rates for Collective for Radical Death Studies webinars.
- Access to State Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC).

Friend/Supporter and Corporation/Organization level members receive the monthly NEDA newsletter and listing in the appropriate NEDA Directory on the website.

***We invite you to become part of this rapidly growing and transformative movement in end-of-life care.  
Learn more about how to get involved.***



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