

CURRICULUM VITAE
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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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Education

2005	Master of Nursing	University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
1993	Bachelor of Nursing	University of Calgary, Calgary, AB

Licensure and Certification

Current	Registered Nurse	College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta
2005-present	Hospice Palliative Care Nursing	Canadian Nurses Association
2022-present	Certified LEAP Facilitator (LEAP-Learning Essential Approaches to Palliative Care)	Pallium Canada
2024-present	Schwartz Rounds Facilitator for The Palliative and End of Life Care Portfolio	The Schwartz Center

Academic Employment History

2020-present	Adjunct Clinical Associate Faculty of Nursing	University of Calgary
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Employment History

2023-present	Clinical Nurse Specialist, Palliative Care Consult Team	Urban Community Alberta Health Services
2013-2023	Clinical Nurse Specialist, Palliative Care Consult Team	South Health Campus, Alberta Health Services
2010-2013	Care Manager	Santuari Hospice, Alberta Health Services

2004-2010	Clinical Nurse Specialist, Palliative Care Consult Team	Foothills Medical Centre, Alberta Health Services
2000-2004	Intake and Staff Development Coordinator	Agape Hospice
1995-2000	Staff Nurse	Agape Hospice
1996-1998	Staff Nurse	Rosedale Hospice
1993-1996	Staff Nurse Palliative/General Medicine	Calgary General Hospital, Calgary Health Region

Awards and Distinctions

2018	Nomination - Alberta Health Services President's Excellence Award Palliative and End of Life Care Patient and Family Centered Care Committee
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ACADEMIC HISTORY

Educational Activities

1) Undergraduate

2023-present	NURS 517 Philosophy and Practice in Palliative Care, University of Calgary, Presenter: Pain Assessment and Management
2022-2023	NURS 517 Philosophy and Practice in Palliative Care, University of Calgary, Presenter: Medical Assistance in Dying
2008-2022	NURS 517 Philosophy and Practice in Palliative Care, University of Calgary, Co-Presenter: Vulnerable Populations
2017-2023	University of Calgary 3 rd Year Nursing Practicum Students South Health Campus Speaker: Palliative Care
2016-2017	Mount Royal School of Nursing, Practice Enrichment Experience Facilitator

2) Graduate/Postgraduate

2023-present	NURS 670 Philosophy and Principles of Palliative Care, University of Calgary, Presenter: Ethics in Palliative and End of Life Care
2024-present	NURS 670 Philosophy and Principles of Palliative Care, University of Calgary, Facilitator: Serious Illness Conversations

2024-present	NURS 672 Optimizing Comfort and Quality of Living in Palliative and End of Life Care, University of Calgary, Presenter: Suffering and Medical Assistance in Dying
2022-2024	NURS 672 Optimizing Comfort and Quality of Living in Palliative and End of Life Care, University of Calgary, Presenter/Asynchronous Presentation: Care at the EOL: Last Days and Hours
2022-present	Palliative Care Fellowship Residency, Academic Half Day, Presenter: Caregiver Burnout
2013-2023	Mentorship of Family Medicine Residents rotating through South Health Campus Palliative Care Consult Team
2008-2022	NURS 617 Philosophy and Practice in Palliative Care, University of Calgary, Co-Presenter: Vulnerable Populations
2022	Master of Nursing Preceptor for: Laurie Laughren Final Practicum, Palliative Care – Faculty of Nursing, University of Regina
2018	Pulmonary Medicine Residency Training Program, Co-Presenter: Medical Assistance in Dying
2017	Palliative Medicine Residency Training Program Co-Presenter: Medical Assistance in Dying
2014	Master of Nursing Preceptor for: Amanda Lucas Final Practicum, Palliative Care - Faculty of Nursing, University of Calgary
2013	Master of Nursing Preceptor for: Amanda Lucas Clinical Practicum, Palliative Care – Faculty of Nursing, University of Calgary
2008	Master of Nursing Preceptor for: Barb Jones Clinical Practicum, Palliative Care – Faculty of Nursing, University of Calgary

3) Professional

2022-Present	Provincial Palliative Care Education, Co-Facilitator: LEAP Core Online
2014-2023	South Health Campus Palliative Care Community of Practice Facilitator and mentor of over 90 inter-professional members
2022-2023	South Health Campus U78, Medical-Surgical Re-certification Day and New Hire Orientation, Presenter: Palliative Care Approach
2022	South Health Campus Site Wide Schwartz Rounds, Co-Presenter: Pursuing Equity in the Provision of Health Care

2018	Palliative CME Series for South Health Campus Hospitalist Group, Co-Presenter: Hydration and Nutrition at End of Life
2018	South Health Campus Allied Health, Co-Presenter: Palliative Care
2018	University of Calgary Palliative Medicine Educational Case Review / M&M Rounds, Co-Presenter: Immunotherapy Induced Colitis
2018	Inter-Agency Palliative Care Education Program for Alberta Health Services and Hospice Volunteers, Presenter: Care for the Caregiver
2018	South Health Campus U58 Quality Council, Presenter: Palliative Sedation
2018	Palliative CME Series for South Health Campus Hospitalist Group, Co-Presenter: Bleeding Management: A Palliative Perspective
2018	South Health Campus U78, Presenter: Proportional and Palliative Sedation
2018	South Health Campus U78, Presenter: Making a Human-to-Human Connection: palliative care as more than clinical tasks
2017	South Health Campus U78, Presenter: Difficult Family Conversations
2017	South Health Campus U78, Presenter: Palliative Pain Management
2017	South Health Campus U78, Presenter: Basic Nursing Care for Palliative Patients
2016	Pulmonary Journal Rounds Co-Presenter: Medical Assistance in Dying
2016	South Health Campus U58 Quality Council, Presenter: Medical Assistance in Dying: A palliative lens
2016	South Health Campus U58, Presenter: Palliative Sedation and Medical Assistance in Dying: A palliative lens
2015	Pulmonary Journal Rounds, Presenter: Serious Illness Conversations

Professional Activities

1) Local

2023-present	Member of the Seniors, Palliative and Continuing Care Clinical Ethics Committee
2015-2023	Member of the South Health Campus Clinical Ethics Committee

2020 Led the development of the following resources to support palliative care during the COVID-19 pandemic

- A Caregiver's Resource for Caring for your Loved One at Home During COVID-19
- Questions to Consider When Moving a Family Member from a Care Setting During COVID-19
- Palliative and End of Life Care COVID-19 Pandemic Surge Plan for Acute Care Consult Teams

2018 Contributor to the development of the: Principles and Guidelines for Collaborative MAiD and Palliative Patient Care, Team Processes & Supportive Reviews

2015 Member of the Care After Death Education Working Group
Developed the following Alberta Health Services Calgary Zone resources:

- Care for the Family – Preparing to Talk to Family (Algorithm)
- Care of the Family - Practical Matters (Algorithm)
- Care of the Family Scenario Based Learning: The Power of Stories

2) Provincial

2023-2024 Subject Matter Expert for Caregiver-Centered Care Champions Facilitated Education Pilot

2018-2021 Subject Matter Expert for Connect Care Palliative and End of Life Care

2018-2021 Member of the Palliative and End of Life Care Specialty Design Working Group for the development of Palliative Care within the Connect Care electronic system

2018 Contributor to the development of the Provincial Clinical Knowledge Topic: Care of the Imminently Dying (Last Hours to Days of Life), Adult - All Locations

2016 Member of the Medical Assistance in Dying Education Provincial Working Group: Developed the following provincial resources:

- Healing the Divide: A Health Care Provider's Relational Approach to Medical Assistance in Dying Discourse
- Engaging in End of Life Conversations with Patients and Families: Part One: General Exploration of End of Life Options

2015-2016 Member of the Palliative and End of Life Care Expert Panel, Alberta Health Services Preparedness for Medical Assistance in Dying

Research Activities

1) Publications

Roze des Ordons, A., **MacIsaac, L.**, Hui, J., Everson, J., Ellaway, R. (2019). Compassion in the clinical context: Constrained, distributed, and adaptive. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 35(1), 198-206. doi.org/10.1007/s11606-019-05467-9

Reviewer for the 5th Edition

Peden et al (2013). *99 Common Questions (and more) About Hospice Palliative Care: A nurse's handbook* (4th ed.). Edmonton, AB: Edmonton Zone Palliative Care Program Alberta Health Services.

Roze des Ordons, A., **MacIsaac, L.**, Everson, J., Hui, J., Ellaway, R. (2019). A Pattern Language of Compassion in Intensive Care and Palliative Care Contexts. *BMC Palliative Care*, 18(15).

2) Presentations

MacIsaac, L. (2023, June). *Taking a Palliative Approach to Care in Orthopaedics*. Presenter at the Canadian Orthopaedic Nursing Association Conference, Calgary, Alberta.

MacIsaac, L. (2023, Feb). *Supporting Hope When There is No Cure*. Presenter at the Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association (AHPCA) Virtual Road Show Speaker Series, Calgary, Alberta.

MacIsaac, L., & Heinrich, A. (2017, Oct). *Palliative Care Community of Practice: A new approach to working and learning*. Poster presented at the 28th Annual Palliative Education and Research Day, Edmonton, Alberta.

MacIsaac, L., & Heinrich, A. (2017, April). *Palliative Care Community of Practice: A new approach to working and learning*. Poster presented at the 17th Annual Mary O'Connor Palliative and End of Life Care Conference, Calgary, Alberta.

Heinrich, A., & **MacIsaac, L.** (2016, November). *Palliative Care Community of Practice: A new approach to working and learning*. Quality improvement findings presented at the Palliative Care Consult Service Calgary Zone – Grand Rounds, Calgary, Alberta.

Wasylenko, E., **MacIsaac, L.**, & Mangold, P (October, 2016). *Medical Assistance in Dying*. Panel presentation at the Canadian Orthopaedic Nurses Association Annual Conference, Calgary, Alberta.

Lepine, G., **MacIsaac, L.**, & Lalonde, L. (2016, September). *Medical Assistance in Dying Forum*. Panel presentation at South Health Campus, Calgary, Alberta.

LaBrie, M., Miller, P., **MacIsaac, L.**, & Mahoney, C. (2009, February). *Chronically Homeless: Living with advancing disease*. Panel presentation at the National Conference, Growing Home: Housing and Homelessness in Canada, Calgary, Alberta.

LaBrie, M., & **MacIsaac, L.** (2008, May). *Palliative Care for Homeless and Marginalized Individuals*. Co-Presenter at the 10th Annual Mary O'Connor Palliative and End of Life Care Conference, Calgary, Alberta.

Farewell, B., & **MacIsaac, L.** (2007, May). *Concerns About Shortening Life: An ethical lens*. Co-Presenter at the 9th Annual Mary O'Connor Palliative and End of Life Care Conference, Calgary, Alberta.