

EOL PAC Care Team: Education and Workforce Development

- Ensure all members of care team has minimum of 20 hour of training specific to EOL psychedelic assisted care
- Clarification of the role of the “Lead practitioner”
- Propose a role for an assistance to the “Lead practitioner”

EOL PAC: Role of Lead Practitioner

The Lead Practitioner role may be held by individuals from a range of professional and experiential backgrounds, including but not limited to:

- Mental health professionals (e.g., therapists, social workers)
- Medical professionals (e.g., MDs, NPs)
- Chaplains or spiritual care providers
- Trained facilitators from non-clinical or community-based pathways
- When serving in the role of Lead Practitioner, individuals do not operate under or represent the scope of their licensed profession unless explicitly designated to do so within the care model.
- Rather, all Lead Practitioners operate within the defined scope of the role, with their prior training and professional experience informing — but not expanding — the responsibilities of the position.

Trained lead practitioners from non-clinical or community-based pathways: The nonlicensed facilitator

- EOL psychedelic care examples could be a “death doula”, a chaplain or other spiritual role, legacy provider
- Would be practicing under the license of the licensed provider however could take a lead role based on having achieved competencies
- Could have a full 150 hour training similar to required for “direct entry” certified facilitators in Oregon and Colorado and/or have recognition of prior trainings and experience

Supporting Psychedelic-Assisted Care at End-of-Life — SPACE Attendant role

- Provides continuous, grounded presence and relational support throughout the care process, **supporting the licensed Lead Practitioner**, the client, and any family members or designated support persons present.
- The SPACE Program is also envisioned as a pathway for practicum experience and ongoing mentorship within the emerging psychedelic-assisted therapy (PAT) and end-of-life PAC workforce.
- It is intended as a meaningful place for trained facilitators and aspiring practitioners to give back, volunteer, and continue practical learning alongside experienced colleagues.

Qualifications for SPACE Attendant

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- Completion of SPACE Attendant training, which could include things such as:
 - Completion of a psychedelic sitter / peer support training (e.g., Zendo Project-informed or equivalent)
 - Supervised practicum or direct experience in care settings (preferred)
 - Training in: relational and emotional support, boundaries and scope of role, and in-home care dynamics
- Completion of state-required certification (e.g., NM EOL-PAC training)

COMPENSATION

- Stipend or volunteer role

Additional Care Team (Client-Directed)

Additional care providers and support persons may be included at the request of the client, including but not limited to:

- Family members and/or designated support persons
- Spiritual care providers or chaplains (if they have not received training to be lead practitioner)
- Death doulas (if they have not received training to be lead practitioner or facilitator)
- Cultural or community-based support providers
- Somatic or integration practitioners