

Biography



Caroline Etland, PhD, RN, CNS, ACHPN

Caroline Etland has over 35 years of experience in hospital, academic, and community health education and more than 25 years of experience as a Clinical Nurse Specialist at large community hospitals. Oncology, palliative care, ethics, vulnerable populations, caregivers, and leadership are among her areas of expertise. Currently, she is an Associate Professor at the University of San Diego Hahn School of Nursing and the inaugural Kaye M. Woltman and Melisa R. McGuire Hospice and Palliative Care Education and Research Fellow.

Dr. Etland received a PhD from the University of San Diego and her MSN and BSN from the University of South Alabama. She holds Advanced Certification in Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing (ACHPN) and is certified faculty for Vital Talk and Medical Improv. Her professional memberships include the Oncology Nursing Society, the Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau Zeta Mu chapter and the San Diego Coalition for Compassionate Care, and the Healthcare Surfaces Institute.

Dr. Etland has experience as both a Magnet and Planetree Coordinator. Additionally, she has implemented research and evidence-based changes across the continuum including mentoring all levels of nurses in the research process and patient-centered care.