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2026 International Death, Grief and Bereavement

June 1, 2026 (Pre-conference), **June 2–4, 2026** (Conference)

Conference theme - *Loneliness in Grief: Exploring the Silent Struggle and the Path to Connection*

Loneliness is a profound and often unspoken companion of grief. As individuals mourn the loss of a loved one, the overwhelming sense of isolation can become all-encompassing, even when surrounded by others. This theme could explore the multifaceted experience of loneliness in grief, examining its psychological, emotional, and social dimensions, while also considering the impact of cultural contexts, modern technology, and social support systems. Presentations should address the role of loneliness as a central challenge in the grieving process and explore ways to mitigate its effects and facilitate healthier pathways for moving forward and for reconnection to life in general. Potential groups/ideas related to this theme include:

- Men in Grief: The Toll of Loneliness
- Loneliness in Grief for Vulnerable Populations [i.e. older adults]
- The Loneliness in Grief for Marginalized Communities [LGBTQ+ individuals, ethnic minorities, and immigrant populations]

Call for Proposals

Submission deadline: November 11, 2025 Noon Central Time

Notification date: December 11, 2025

Type of Proposal (please choose one):

- Concurrent session
- Poster
- Roundtable session
- Pre-approved Keynote session

Primary presenter:

First name

Last name

Address

City

State

Postal code

Country

Email

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Phone number

Name of employer

Position title (i.e., Director of Counseling,
Hospice Social Worker, etc.)

Please choose the strand that your presentation will address:

- Research, theory or policy implications
- Practical skills and application
- Contemporary therapies

Presentation title: The title should be descriptive of the presentation and related to the content of the presentation.

Abstract: Please provide a 75-word (375 characters) abstract of your presentation that allows the reader to quickly and accurately identify the basic content of your topic. Your abstract will appear in the conference program.

The purpose of this activity is to enable the learner to:

Learning objectives: List 3 learning objectives. Each learning objective MUST begin with one of these measurable verbs: analyze, apply, appraise, assess, classify, compare, contrast, create, critique, demonstrate, describe, design, develop, diagnose, differentiate, discuss, distinguish, evaluate, explain, formulate, hypothesize, identify, illustrate, interpret, list, manage, measure, organize, outline, predict, prepare, recognize, summarize, utilize, write.

Learning objective 1:

Learning objective 2:

Learning objective 3:

This program will be reviewed for NBCC (National Board for Certified Counselors) credit. Of the topics below, please select which align best with your presentation (select all that apply).

- Counseling Theory/Practice and the Counseling Relationship
- Human Growth and Development
- Social and Cultural Foundations
- Group Dynamics and Counseling
- Career Development and Counseling
- Assessment
- Research and Program Evaluation
- Counselor Professional Identity and Practice Issues
- Wellness and Prevention

Is the program content and information directly relevant to the professional knowledge and skills of graduate-level counselors? In other words, would professional counselors and therapists be able to use the content and information from your presentation in their practice?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe how (i.e., I will be describing clinical tools that can be used in practice; I will be providing research-based information on specific populations that can inform the work of counselors).

Please explain how the presenter's education, experience, and/or training qualify them to speak on the subject matter of the presentation. (This is very important for us to be able to provide continuing education credits to attendees.)

Who is your audience: (select all that apply)

- Professionals
- Counselors
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Licensed Professionals
- General Public
- Other

List 3 primary academic and/or professional sources related to your topic dating from the last 10 years.

First primary academic/professional source:

Second primary academic/professional source:

Third primary academic/professional source:

Is there any additional information that you would like to share regarding your ability to provide a quality continuing education experience?

Practice Gap is the difference between the current state of knowledge, skills, competence, practice or performance and the ideal or desirable state.

Describe the practice gap that will be addressed by this presentation. Please provide specific data, standards, personal experience, or other evidence-based information or practice you have used to support your presentation.

Type of Gap:

- Knowledge
- Skills
- Both

Select the level of the primary presenter's highest degree in subject area being presented:

- Doctorate
- Masters
- Bachelor

Primary presenter's specialty field of scholarship or practice:

Primary presenter CV

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Does the primary presenter have a financial interest and/or conflict of interest for this program as explained above?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe:

Is there a co-presenter? (presenting less than 50% of content of presentation; each co-presenter must be submitted for review)

- Yes

No

Co-presenter 1:

First name

Last name

Address

City

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Postal code

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Name of employer

Position title (i.e., Director of Counseling,
Hospice Social Worker, etc.)

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Doctorate

Masters

Bachelor

Co-presenter 1: specialty field of scholarship or practice:

Co-presenter 1: CV:

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Yes

No

If yes, please describe:

Is there a second co-presenter? (presenting less than 50% of content of presentation; each co-presenter must be submitted for review)

Yes

No

Co-presenter 2:

First name

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Name of employer

Position title (i.e., Director of Counseling,
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- Doctorate
- Masters
- Bachelor

Co-presenter 2: specialty field of scholarship or practice:

Co-presenter 2: CV:

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