



THE CORRECTIONAL NURSE

Inspiring

Professional Correctional Nursing Practice

Hi Lori,

I want to thank everyone who reached out to me about our new program integration - I definitely appreciate your kind words! I also want to be sure I am posting materials that are pertinent to your correctional nurse practice, and so I am looking forward to your feedback and suggestions for future topics.

I wanted to take a moment to share a couple of reminders with you this month.

First, the American Nurses Association (ANA) *Correctional Nurse: Scope and Standards of Practice* DRAFT document is posted on the [ANA website](#) for public comment. Please, please, please take some time and review it. It will be posted until October 14th at midnight EDT. The workgroup has a meeting planned on October 30th to review all feedback. We will then complete our Scope and Standards of Practice document and will send it formally to the ANA Board for their review and acceptance. Once that is completed, the final *Correctional Nurse: Scope and Standards of Practice, 3rd edition* will be published, most likely in early 2020.

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care is holding its [National Conference](#) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from October 12th - 16th. There are some great topics, and a special "track" for correctional nurses, which includes at least one nursing topic per session. I will be taking notes so that I can share some highlights with you in our November newsletter.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the inaugural meeting of The American Correctional Nurses Association! It will be held on October 15, 2019 at 5:30 pm in room 204 at the NCCHC Conference. We will discuss what is needed to organize, and share preliminary work that has been done, and hopefully get more nurses who want to be actively involved. This organization was planned specifically to be inclusive - our vision is to have LPNs, RNs, and APRNs working side-by-side in this organization for the betterment of our specialty. We are looking forward to hearing your views and suggestions, and what you envision for a professional organization that would represent you. If you cannot attend, don't worry! We want your ideas and support - a survey is planned to elicit that information and we will be posting a sign-up on social media.

Please Stay Tuned!!!

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Did you know that suicide is the leading cause of death in jails? Or that in prisons, suicide accounts for 7% of all deaths? This month, the World Health Organization has designated October 10th as World Mental Health Day and so we have chosen October to discuss Suicide Prevention in Corrections.

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Correctional Nurse Educator

This month our featured, discounted class is *Suicide Prevention for the Correctional Nurse*. It awards 2.5 continuing education hours upon successful completion and is discounted 50% for this month only. I hope that you find it interesting.

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Nursing Behind the Wall

This month, the clinical topic is suicide prevention. At [Nursing Behind the Wall](#), you will meet and evaluate Ms. Wilson, a young mother of three children who was just sentenced to 10 years for drug trafficking, and has returned to your county jail from court. Her attorney had assured her that she would only get a 6 month sentence, and so she was very upset in court and on her transport back to the facility. The transport officer brought her to medical when they returned to the facility.

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In closing, I appreciate you taking the time to read this newsletter, and I hope that you will find our sites interesting and educational. Our profession of Correctional Nursing is unique and sometimes challenging, but always very important to our patients. The impact we make is far-reaching, even if it is not always evident as we care for our patients. I have ALWAYS been proud to say that I am a Correctional Nurse – I hope that you are as well!

Lori

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