



THE CORRECTIONAL NURSE

Inspiring

Professional Correctional Nursing Practice

Hi ,

As I write this newsletter, we continue to be in the middle of the COVID-19 "unprecedented times". While some say the situation is better, and some "non-essential" businesses are allowed to open (with restrictions), I hear from my correctional colleagues all over the United States that their practices will not be changing anytime soon. I am glad to hear that. Sadly, we have lost many colleagues to the virus, including officers, correctional nurses, and other correctional healthcare staff. In addition, we must be keenly aware of the potential for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder that may affect ourselves and our colleagues. We must educate ourselves so that we can identify the signs and symptoms of PTSD, and we must care enough to speak up if we see those symptoms in colleagues. Don't forget that our patients, individuals who are restricted from being home/with their families during this time, have a great potential for PTSD as well.

We will never forget this period in our lives and our history, and I doubt that we will be the same. My almost 5 year old granddaughter just this morning said something to me while we were gardening and referenced "before the virus." It was surreal for that moment, as if I was in an apocalyptic movie. But although we may never be the same, perhaps that is not a bad thing, as we have grown. Correctional nurses everywhere now know (without a doubt!) that they are strong, are advocates for their patients in the worst of circumstances, and can deal with just about anything and get the job done! I cannot say it too many times - I am so proud to be a Correctional Nurse and to share that title with all of you!

On a lighter note, Happy Nurse's Week - May 6 - 12th!!!! See below for details of our (annual) Nurse's Week Class Bundle for 2020.

Newsworthy Notes

I am so very excited to announce that [The American Correctional Nurses Association](#) is truly "up and running", and you can join by going to the website, completing a short application, and paying \$50 for the annual dues. There is also an Affiliate member designation for individuals /organizations that support correctional nursing. Please contact us on the website to learn more. You can also "follow" us without becoming a member on the website [but of course, we want you to be a member!]. This will place your name on the mailing list, but will not allow you the benefits of membership, including the ability to vote in our upcoming inaugural election.

Our next meeting is a virtual one, since the in-person meeting that was to be held in conjunction with the NCCHC Conference had to be changed due to COVID-19. It will be held on May 21st at 6:00pm Eastern time. Details are on the [ACNA website](#), and we hope that all will join us for this very information-filled meeting.

As a fundraiser, ACNA has Correctional Nurse posters that are being sold for \$10 plus postage...see them on the website. They would make a great gift for Nurse's Week, and will look awesome on your department Bulletin Board!

There are currently no open calls for correctional nursing presentations, but please plan ahead and consider submitting one for the next ACA Winter Conference and for the NCCHC Spring 2021 conference.

Finally, we have not heard anything else about when the NEW Correctional Nurse: Scope and Standards of Practice will be published, so we continue to anticipate that they will be ready for purchase in the summer. As always, we will keep you apprised as more information is received.

Be Safe!!

CorrectionalNurse.Net

This month, the [CorrectionalNurse.Net BLOG](#) is all about Nursing Scope of Practice. I hope that it generates lots of discussion! In correctional healthcare, we work with nurses who may be licensed as a practical/vocational nurse, a registered professional nurse, or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. The various levels of licensure give each of us authority to do certain things. It is vitally important that each nurse knows his/her scope of practice, and adheres to that scope at all times.

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Correctional Nurse Educator

This month, our featured, discounted class at [The Correctional Nurse Educator](#) is [Clinical Judgment for the Correctional Nurse](#). I hope that you find it interesting!

In honor of Nurse's Week - May 6-12th - The Correctional Nurse Educator is offering an accredited 18 continuing education hours class Bundle for \$75, which represents a savings of 67% off the individual class prices. After May 12th, the Bundle price will still be discounted 40% (\$134.95).

Get your [2020 Nurse's Week Bundle of Classes](#) here!

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Nursing Behind the Wall

This month at [Nursing Behind the Wall](#), we are doing something a little different. Using the Scope of Practice Decision Tree developed by the National Council of State Nursing Boards, we will review two scenarios and determine whether the task assigned to each nurse falls within her/his scope of practice. The first one is posted now; the second will be posted the week of May 18th. We will post a reminder on our FaceBook page.

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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, but it is especially true now, during this COVID-19 crisis, when we are putting our patients before ourselves - I hope that it is true for you, as well!

Lori

Inspiration



"THE MEANING OF LIFE IS TO FIND

Your gift.

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE IS
TO GIVE IT AWAY."

-WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



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