



THE CORRECTIONAL NURSE

Inspiring

Professional Correctional Nursing Practice

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Last month, I had the privilege of presenting the KeyNote address for the Nursing Conference of a large eastern Department of Correction. I spoke about Correctional Nursing history and professional practice, and Mary Muse's Proposed Framework for Correctional Nursing Practice. As always happens when I am researching a topic about which I will be speaking, I find something "new," something I probably have seen in the past many times, but at that moment, was not relevant to me. It is like suddenly "seeing" all the Chevrolet Sparks on the highway once you have purchased one. This time, it was the term "professional nursing practice." We all use it, but what does it really mean? I went on a search and found many elements of it - like professionalism and the importance of having a framework, but there was not a succinct definition. Many, many organizations included a description of the professional nursing practice in their organization. Many included a model or framework and use of the Nursing Process, which I was very happy to see. All included a reference to the American Nurses Association's Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice for Nurses (2015) as the foundation for its organization's professional nursing practice.

I have only seen one correctional healthcare organization address correctional nursing professional practice in its policies and procedures, but I am hoping that there are more. Even if your organization does not address correctional nursing practice in its policies and procedures, know that your professional nursing practice as a correctional nurse is based upon the *Correctional Nurse: Scope and Standards of Practice*, and as such, you are obligated to know what is included in your scope and standards of practice and to always practice within them. Correctional Nursing is the backbone of correctional healthcare, and our patients' safety relies on our nursing practice. If your organization and/or facility is silent about Correctional Nursing practice, I encourage you to speak up and ask that it be addressed in your policies and procedures. Inclusion will clarify Correctional Nursing practice and acknowledge the importance of Correctional Nursing in your program.

Until next month, thank you for what you do, and please, Stay Safe!

Newsorthy Notes

Currently, the Nursing Advisory Council of the NCCHC Multi-Disciplinary Education Committee is offering a four-part webinar series entitled [How to Achieve Success as a Correctional Nurse Manager](#). Week one has already been presented, but enrollment includes access to the recorded sessions. In addition to four continuing education hours, one per session, a completion exam will be offered which, if successfully passed with an 80%, will award a Certificate of Completion of the series.

The American Correctional Association will hold its 151st Congress of Correction on August 11-15, 2021 in Nashville. It will include virtual and in-person activities. Registration can be made on the [ACA website](#).

Start planning now to attend the NCCHC Fall Conference in Chicago, IL October 30th - November 3rd. More information can be found [here](#). In addition, NCCHC's Call for Presentations for the Spring 2022 Conference to be held in Atlanta, GA is open on the website as well. Please consider presenting a nursing topic!

The American Correctional Nurses Association is soliciting nominations for its 2021 Elections, to be held in October. Please check out the [website](#). The ACNA has been granted provider status by the Florida Board of Nursing, and will soon be offering continuing education programs that will award accredited continuing education hours. Watch the ACNA website for details soon!

Remember that you can find our past Newsletters on the CorrectionalNurse.Net website in the Newsletter Archive.

CorrectionalNurse.Net

This month at [CorrectionalNurse.Net](#) our clinical discussion will be about Withdrawal.

Our professional practice discussion will be about the Seven Guiding Principles for Correctional Nursing. As always, announcements for new blog posts will be posted on our FaceBook pages.

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Correctional Nurse Educator

Our 50% off featured class this month is Clinical Judgment for the Correctional Nurse.

I hope that you enjoy it!

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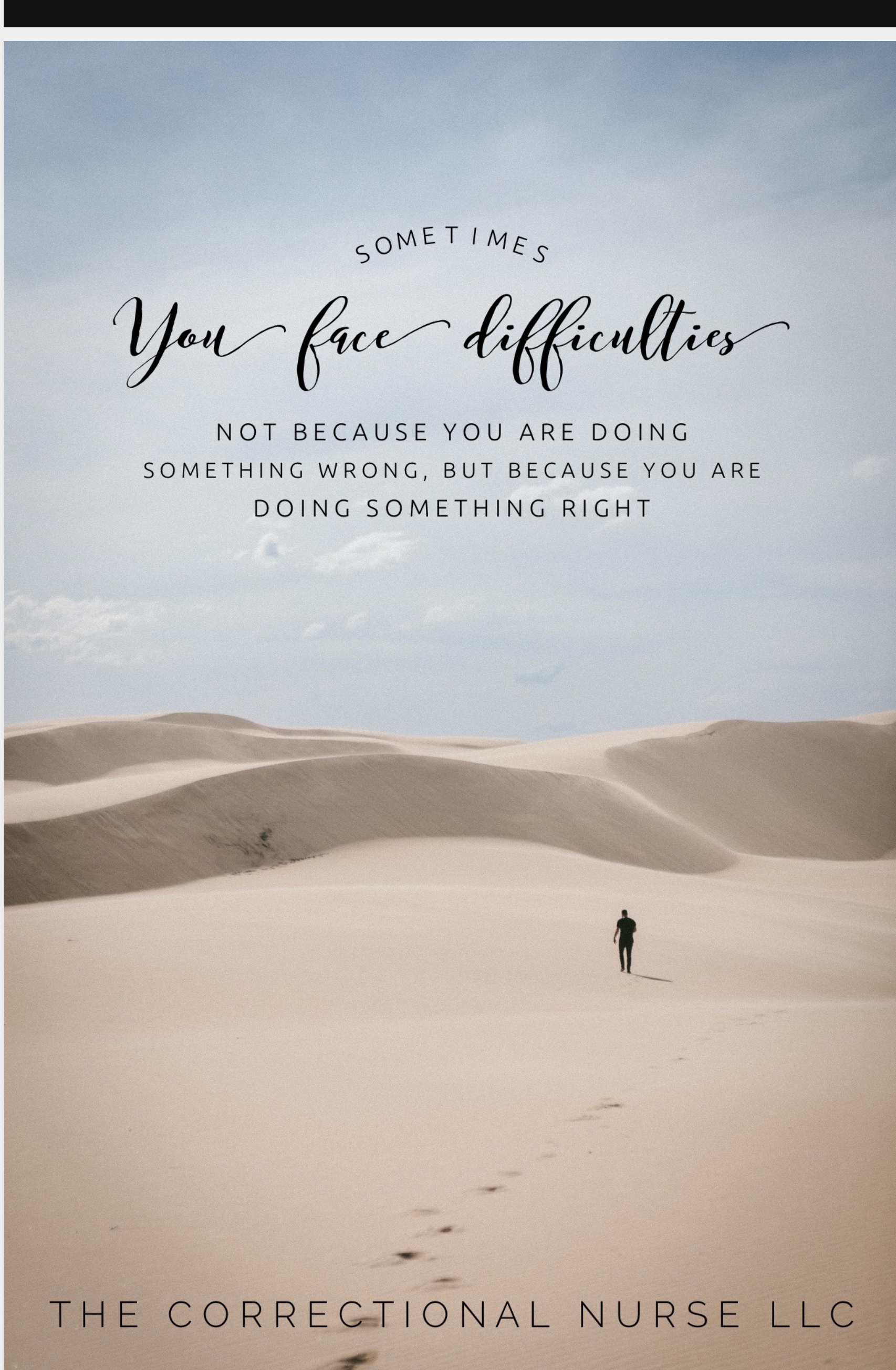
This month at [Nursing Behind the Wall](#), you will meet Ms. Decker, who is suffering from worsening abdominal pain.

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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!

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