

THE CORRECTIONAL NURSE

Inspiring

Professional Correctional Nursing Practice

May 2022

As I sat down to write this month's newsletter, for a moment I thought to myself, "What can I say that is new, different, and exciting for our very special Nurse's Week month? What can I share that will be inspirational?"

We continue to be challenged in Correctional Nursing with short staff and short supplies, and patients with more complex health conditions, and yet, somehow, we get it done. Correctional Nurses everywhere are doing what it takes to ensure that their patients receive the care and treatment their health condition requires. Sometimes that means being an expert at prioritization (and re-prioritization!) and recognizing when the plan you thought you had for the shift is not one that will ultimately get the job done. It demands the use of excellent assessment skills; knowing when to consult with others and having the communication skills to do it efficiently and effectively; and seeing not only the task at hand, but the bigger picture. Correctional Nurses keep the patient first, which is sometimes challenging in our environment where healthcare is not the primary mission.

I am confident that Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Dorothea Dix, Rena Murtha, and other nurses who were our correctional nursing foremothers had many days of nursing with short staff and no needed supplies, but they continued to show up for their patients, and became advocates for patient care, just as I know you do.

So, upon reflection, perhaps I don't need to come up with something new and different to say about Correctional Nursing, but rather remind you of your greatness. We care and advocate for justice-involved individuals who cannot access healthcare on their own. We provide patient education, potentially lifesaving, on a routine basis, sometimes losing sight of the real gift we are giving our patients. We work in places that may be difficult to enter and leave, adding extra time to our workday, yet we still choose to work there. We should realize that if we weren't there for our patients, to administer medications, evaluate them for sick call, ensure that their care is provided based on a provider's treatment plan, and everything else we do, then their healthcare needs would go unaddressed....but I don't think we do. Contrary to beliefs that are still floating around (albeit much, much less than they were when I began 27 years ago), Correctional Nurses are not those who cannot get a job anywhere else – we are highly skilled and educated nurses who have chosen to work with this special, vulnerable population. I am so proud to work alongside such individuals!

Happy Nurses Week 2022

Newsworthy Notes

The [American Jail Association](#) is holding its national conference in Long Beach, CA on May 21-25, 2022.

The American Correctional Nurses Association is busy planning activities for 2022, including accredited continuing education offerings. Check out the [website](#).

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

Thanks for all you do, and Be Safe!!

CorrectionalNurse.Net

This month at [CorrectionalNurse.Net](#) our clinical discussion will include Cellulitis. Our professional practice discussion will include Correctional Nurse job satisfaction.

As always, announcements for new blog posts will be posted on our FaceBook pages and on Instagram.

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Correctional Nurse Educator

In honor of 2022 Nurse's Week, the Correctional Nurse Educator will offer a Class Bundle of 9 classes, 19.5 continuing education hours for a deeply discounted price of \$75.00 (regular price \$239.55). These classes are accredited and accepted by NCHC and ACA toward the continuing education hours for certification and by Boards of Nursing for continuing education licensure renewal requirements. This Bundle will **only** be available from May 6 - 12, 2022 at this price, after which it will be available for \$149.95. Visit the [The Correctional Nurse Educator](#) for a list of the included classes.

We have some **NEW CLASSES** at [The Correctional Nurse Educator](#), including Ear Conditions, Headache, Juvenile Obesity and Endocarditis for the Correctional Nurse. Be sure to check them out!

Our 50% off featured class this month at [The Correctional Nurse Educator](#) is **Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease for the Correctional Nurse**. I hope that you enjoy it!

Remember that The Correctional Nurse will work with your group to provide accredited continuing education classes at a discounted and affordable cost.

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Nursing Behind the Wall

This month at [Nursing Behind the Wall](#), you will meet Ms. Henson, who has right hand 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!

Lori

Inspiration

*In the midst of movement and chaos,
KEEP STILLNESS INSIDE OF YOU.
-Deepak Chopra*



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