



THE CORRECTIONAL NURSE

Inspiring

Professional Correctional Nursing Practice

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This month, I am honored to be the ["Spotlight Member"](#) of the Academy of Correctional Health Professionals. I have also been in discussions about the benefits of membership in a professional organization, and I would like to share some thoughts with you. Interestingly, ten years ago I was quoted in *The Essentials of Correctional Nursing* (Schoenly and Knox) about the importance of membership in professional organizations. Then, I said, "Membership in professional organizations has afforded me the opportunity to network with peers, to keep current with nursing practice issues specific to corrections, and to have a better understanding of the complexities of correctional nursing. Becoming active in these professional organizations has allowed me to have a voice in important issues that affect correctional nurses, to collaborate with Correctional Nursing leadership and, ultimately, to influence the future of Correctional Nursing as a specialty. I encourage all correctional nurses to join and become active in their professional organizations." I still believe this is true! At the time, we did not have a professional nursing organization specific for correctional nurses to which we could belong, but we do have one now - [The American Correctional Nurses Association](#).

I believe that membership in, and support of, an organization that represents my nursing specialty allows me to demonstrate professionalism and the importance of correctional nursing in my life. Membership in a professional organization affords the opportunity to network with others in the profession and share best practices. In a broader sense, it encourages nurse empowerment and mentoring. Members in the American Correctional Nurses Association include recognized national experts in correctional nursing and correctional healthcare, and as a member, one is able to reach out with questions at any time. As a member of a professional organization, opportunities exist outside of your workplace for professional development. Volunteering to work on a committee, developing and presenting a webinar for members, writing a newsletter article or a white paper, and representing the organization in meetings/activities with other professional organizations are all ways to hone your leadership and advocacy skills, while strengthening the organization at the same time.

I encourage you to not only join our Correctional Nurse professional organization, the American Correctional Nurses Association, but become involved in it. The addition of your voice will make us stronger!

Newsworthy Notes

The American Correctional Nurses Association continues planning for 2023. If you are interested, they are always looking for volunteers to help on committees. Check out the [website!](#)

Upcoming conferences include The National Commission on Correctional Health Care Spring Conference - April 29-May 2; NCCHC Mental Health Conference - July 15-16; the American Correctional Association Conference - August 3-6; and the American Jail Association - May 20-24.

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](#) we will continue our Correctional Nurse Manifesto discussion. Our clinical topic is Rhabdomyolysis.

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

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Correctional Nurse Educator

Our 50% off featured class this month at The Correctional Nurse Educator is [Headache for the Correctional Nurse](#). I hope 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. Wilson, a patient returning from court.

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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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Inspiration



Go as far as
your wings take
you...and then one
more step

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