



THE CORRECTIONAL NURSE

Inspiring

Professional Correctional Nursing Practice

November 2025

November always invites reflection, and this year I've been thinking about the many things I'm grateful for — especially in this unique field we call correctional healthcare.

I'm grateful to be a nurse and a healer, doing work that matters. Behind the wall, every encounter is a chance to assess, educate, advocate, and sometimes simply listen. It's not glamorous work, but it is meaningful. We make a difference in ways that often go unseen, and that is something worth appreciating.

I'm grateful for colleagues and peers who challenge me to keep learning. Some are newer to correctional nursing and bring fresh perspectives; others have decades of experience and a depth of wisdom that continues to shape our practice and push it forward. Learning from each of you — in the field, in the classroom, and through our shared conversations — keeps me inspired and humble. Together, we build a profession that is stronger and smarter because of our shared commitment.

I'm grateful that correctional health became my career, even if I didn't plan it that way. It has offered lessons I couldn't have learned anywhere else — about resilience, systems, ethics, and the humanity that exists in every patient encounter.

And finally, I'm grateful for you - those who read *CorrectionalNurse.Net* and *this newsletter*, those who take my classes, and those who engage in the ongoing conversation about what excellent nursing care looks like behind the wall. You remind me daily that correctional nursing is not just a job; it's a professional community that continues to evolve and improve.

As we close out the year, I hope each of us can take a moment to recognize the good work we do and the impact we have. Gratitude doesn't change our challenges, but it definitely reminds us why the work is worth doing.

Newsworthy Notes

Research Request

Seeking Interview Participants: Your Perspectives on Aging in Corrections

Do you work with older adults in corrections? [Hannah Schwendeman](#) (Ph.D. Candidate) is conducting research about aging in the correctional setting and is looking to interview correctional administrators and healthcare professionals about their perspectives on aging in corrections. This research focuses on correctional healthcare professionals who regularly work with older adults in U.S. prisons or jails. This study is approved and supported by the University of Minnesota.

Please contact Hannah at schwe782@umn.edu or [469-995-1012](tel:469-995-1012) to participate. Interviews will take place on Zoom or by phone and will last 45 minutes to 1 hour. You can also [schedule an interview online](#).

Upcoming Conferences

The [American Correctional Association](#) will hold its Winter Conference February 5-8, 2026 in Long Beach, CA.

The [American Correctional Nurses Association](#) held its 2025-2026 elections for President-Elect, Secretary and At-Large Board Member. I am happy to share that I was elected President-Elect; Amanda Brockman was elected Secretary and Ashli Carrafa was elected Board Member at Large. Thanks to all who supported me!

If you are a member, please consider volunteering for one of the many committees and make your professional needs known! If you are not a member yet, please, please consider joining us as we elevate our profession of Correctional Nursing!

CorrectionalNurse.Net

This month at [CorrectionalNurse.Net](#) we will discuss clinical topics like MRSA and sleep hygiene, and professional topics like The 2025 ANA Code of Ethics Provision 8 and our varying scopes of practice in correctional nursing.

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

Please [FOLLOW US](#) and check back often to ensure that you get notification of new posts!

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Correctional Nurse Educator

This month our 50% off class is our newly updated *Suicide Prevention for the Correctional Nurse* class. I hope you enjoy it!

We have recently developed and/or updated 15 classes in our catalog - I invite you to check them out! These new courses and updates reflect the challenges correctional nurses face daily and provide the knowledge and skills to meet them with confidence.

Remember, The Correctional Nurse Educator will work with your group to provide quality, accredited continuing education classes at a discounted and affordable cost that are specifically for Correctional Nurses.

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Nursing Behind the Wall

This month at [Nursing Behind the Wall](#) you will meet Mr. Villegos, a gentleman with 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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