



THE CORRECTIONAL NURSE

Inspiring

Professional Correctional Nursing Practice

May 2026

There's something uniquely energizing about gathering with others who understand the work we do Behind the Wall. I've just returned from the NCCHC conference, where I had the privilege of presenting alongside Deborah Shelton, Melanie Stroda, and Deanna Minton on the role of the Nursing Professional Development (NPD) practitioner and the importance of competency-based orientation over time-based models. These conversations matter. They reflect a shift in how we prepare nurses for one of the most complex and often misunderstood specialties in healthcare.

What stood out to me most, though, wasn't just the content - it was the people. Every year, I leave this conference reminded that correctional nursing is filled with thoughtful, committed professionals who have intentionally chosen this path. And this year, I was especially struck by the number of nurses who are new to the specialty. Their curiosity, their questions, and their willingness to learn signal something important: the future of correctional nursing is in good hands. These are the nurses who will carry the torch forward. They will continue to advocate, to challenge outdated practices, and to elevate care for incarcerated persons. It's both reassuring and inspiring to witness.

In that same spirit of growth and professional development, we're once again offering our Nurses Week Education Bundle. From May 6th through May 12th only, you'll have access to eight accredited courses, totaling 20 continuing education hours, for just \$75. This bundle represents a \$240 value and is designed specifically for correctional nurses, with content grounded in real-world practice and clinical relevance. These 20 credits represent those needed for NCCHC CCHP and CCHP-N certification, and ACA correctional nursing and nurse manager certification. After May 12th, the bundle will remain available at a still reduced price of \$149.95, but this limited-time offering is our way of recognizing and supporting the work you do every day.

Whether you're just entering correctional nursing or have spent years refining your practice, ongoing education is one of the most powerful tools we have. It strengthens clinical judgment, reinforces professional standards, and ultimately improves outcomes for the patients we serve.

As we move into Nurses Week, I hope you take a moment to reflect on the impact of your work. It may not always be visible, and it's often not easy—but it is meaningful. And it matters!

Newsworthy Notes

Upcoming Conferences

The [American Jail Association](#) will hold it's Annual Conference and Jail Expo in Milwaukee, WI, from May 16-20, 2026.

The [American Correctional Association](#) will hold it's 156th Congress of Correction in Pittsburgh, PA from July 30 - Aug 2, 2026

The [WACHSA](#) conference will be held in San Diego this year - October 21-23, 2026. Please join us in beautiful San Diego!

CorrectionalNurse.Net

This month at [CorrectionalNurse.Net](#) we will be discussing the sensitive issue of impaired Correctional Nurses and a clinical topic - Endocarditis.

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

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Correctional Nurse Educator

This month there is no 50% off class, as we are offering a **2026 Nursing Bundle in honor of Nurse's Week - 20 credits for only \$75.00! but only from May 6th through May 12th**, after which it will be offered at \$149.95 (still greatly reduced from the usual price of \$240.00.

New Learning Opportunities

Don't forget we have new classes available at The Correctional Nurse Educator. 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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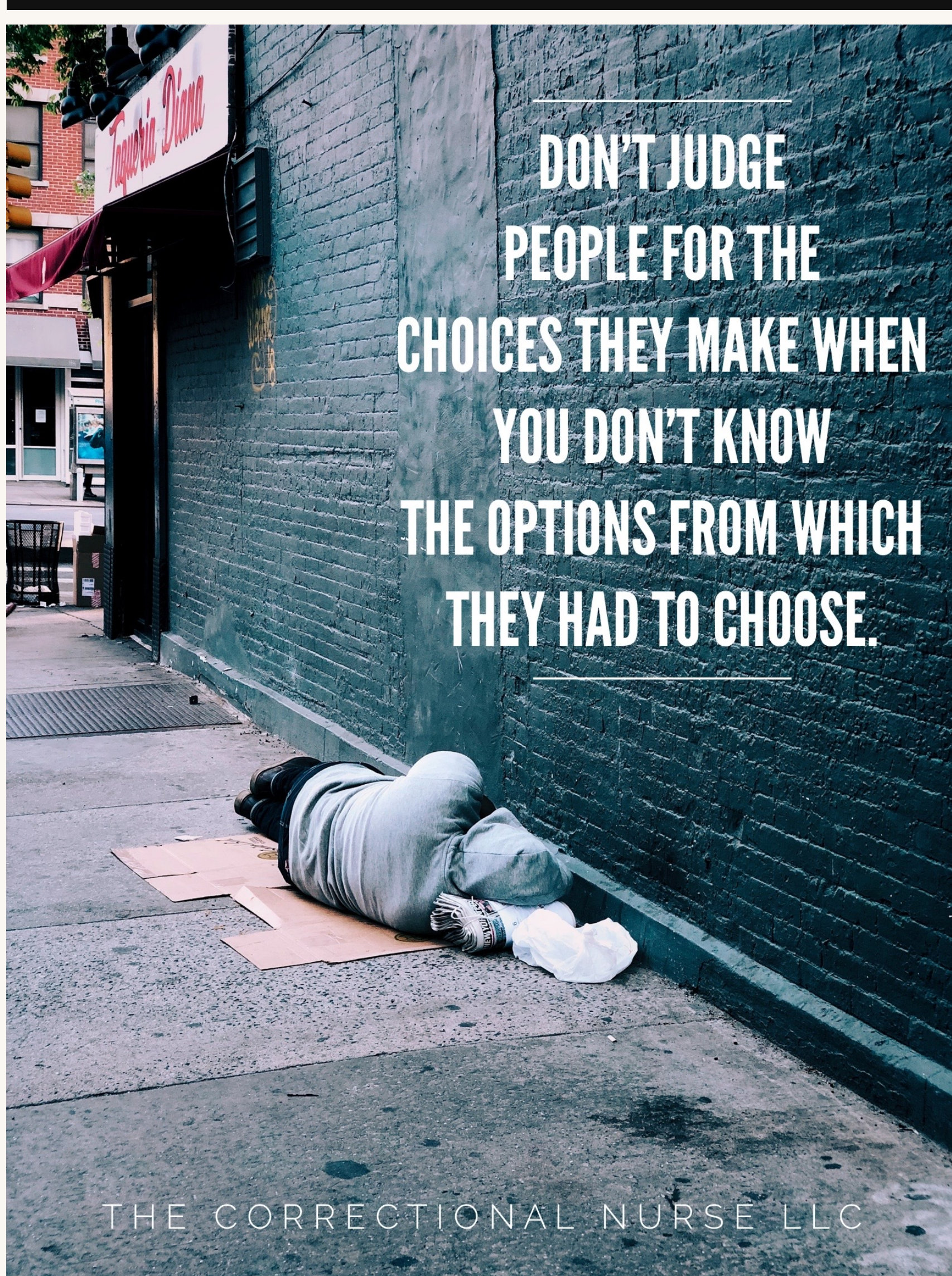
This month at [Nursing Behind the Wall](#) we will continue with our new format for the clinical judgment case scenarios for 2026 with the story of Ms. Hall, a woman with abdominal pain and vaginal discharge. Please take a minute and let me know your thoughts!

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In closing, thank you for being part of this community and for taking the time to read this newsletter. I hope you continue to find our sites timely, practical, and meaningful to your work. Correctional nursing is a distinct specialty, often complex, frequently challenging, and critically important to the health and dignity of the patients we serve. The care you provide has a lasting impact, even when it goes unseen or unacknowledged. I have always been proud to say that I am a correctional nurse, and I hope you carry that same sense of professional pride in the vital work you do every day!

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