

The Exceptional Nurse Newsletter

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Hello to all Exceptional Nurses and supporters,

Save the Date!!

Nursing Spectrum has generously offered to host another online chat about "Nurses with Disabilities" on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 from 8-10 p.m. EST. I will be the featured guest during this chat. Please consider joining the chat. You will meet other nurses, be able to ask questions, and share experiences, practical suggestions and resources.

Imagine the public attention if....

“Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses working with disabilities” became a best seller!!

Potential nursing students, current nursing students and practicing nurses with disabilities need to know that a career in nursing is possible. Can you help out by calling your local public, hospital or university library and making a suggestion for purchase of this book?

“Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses Working with disabilities” by Donna Maheady. Eleven nurses who defied disability tell their personal stories of courage and determination to continue to practice. The nurses have a wide range of disabilities including MS, arthritis, HIV, spina bifida, mental illness, vision loss, d/Deaf, back injuries, tremors, dystonia, and limb loss. The book is available at www.iUniverse.com and at other online booksellers for 14.95. ISBN is 0-595-39649-6.

Employing and Accommodating Individuals with Psychiatric Impairments

[Register for a Job Accommodation Network Webcast](#) addressing employment issues for individuals with psychiatric disabilities. Tuesday, May 8, 2007. This web cast will provide a variety of accommodation solutions and practical tips for the successful employment of people with psychiatric impairments. The presenters will provide examples of real-life accommodation situations with win-win outcomes.

The fee for the web cast is \$30.00 per Internet connection. For full information visit: http://www.jan.wvu.edu/teleconf/Events/2007/5-8-07_Psychiatric.htm. To register, visit: <http://www.jan.wvu.edu/teleconf/Register/> for questions about registration, e-mail: training@jan.wvu.edu. The Job Accommodation Network is a service of the Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor.

Call for students to participate in a research study

Many students don't seek any or all accommodations they need for the classroom. Please tell these researchers why you don't by taking this quick, ten minute survey. Please be assured that your responses will remain anonymous and confidential.
<http://educdata.educ.ttu.edu/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.asp?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=312364MK9p70M>

Lucy Barnard, M.Ed, William Y. Lan, Ph.D, Department of Educational Psychology & Leadership. This study has been approved by the Protection of Human Subjects Committee at Texas Tech University.

The 7th annual Safe Patient Handling and Movement Conference

The conference was held March 12-16, 2007, in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Attendance totaled about 1,000. Anne Hudson's session was titled "The Real-Life Story of a Back-Injured Healthcare Worker: The Costs of Injury are High". She spoke about her own injury, about why and how lifting patients can cause micro fractures to spinal structures which can lead to "degenerative disc disease," and about the widespread practice of terminating back-injured nurses and other healthcare workers who can no longer lift. Visit <http://www.wingusa.org/> for additional information.

Mentors

Exceptional Nurse is always looking for mentors. If you are interested in helping others, please email ExceptionalNurse@aol.com. Only email addresses are listed on the web site. In addition, a reminder to our current mentors, if you change email addresses, please remember to let us know.

Continuing Education

"Teaching Nursing Students with Disabilities" by Donna Maheady, ARNP, Ed.D.
"Writing Your Way to Health and Healing: An interactive workshop for nurses with disabilities" by Connie Adleman, RN
"When your student is Deaf" by Martha McElyea, MSN, Rockhurst/Research College of Nursing
Visit the Continuing Education page of ExceptionalNurse.com for details.

Volunteer opportunities

<http://www.redcross.org>, <http://www.missingkids.com>, <http://www.nod.org>
http://www.uniteforsight.org/intl_volunteer, www.invisiblechildren.com,
www.savedarfur.org

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Live generously.

Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.

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