

## ***The Exceptional Nurse Newsletter***

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Dear Exceptional Nurses and supporters,

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. ExceptionalNurse.com celebrates nurses with disabilities and employers who are working to recruit and hire nurses with disabilities.

### **Employment Opportunities**

#### **Medicare Set-Aside Prep**

A Colorado company is looking to subcontract Medicare set-aside preparatory work. Each case involves -- a narrative from the medical records, ICD-9 codes for the diagnoses and a listing of future medications/equipment with annual costs, based on past payment history.

They will provide the files electronically, and you would send them the output electronically. The cases are non-complex and the tasks are expected to take about 3 hours on average. They are looking to pay \$120-150 per case. Email [vtbusinesssolutions@gmail.com](mailto:vtbusinesssolutions@gmail.com) or call 720-314-0437.

#### **Publications of Note**

"Labor and Delivery Nurse"

By Leora Heifetz

A nurse with a visual disability shares her success story and work in Labor and Delivery.

<http://www.afb.org/Section.asp?SectionID=7&TopicID=267&DocumentID=3048>

"Geriatric Nurse"

By Dawn Wilcox

This nurse describes 10 years as Director of Medical Services at a day program for the elderly.

The years coincided with her vision loss due to glaucoma and Sjogren's syndrome.

<http://www.afb.org/Section.asp?SectionID=7&TopicID=267&DocumentID=3047>

"Overcoming the Odds"

By Sally Parker

Three RNs with disabilities (vision loss, hearing loss and chronic pain) share their barrier-breaking stories and their advice for other nurses and students who hope to emulate their success.

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<http://www.minoritynurse.com/features/other/082406f.html>

Cleo Darcia Graham positions poetry and ministry in health. Graham has written a book that chronicles healing from chronic pain, From Mess to Message.

[http://www.sheshines.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=176&Itemid=122](http://www.sheshines.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=176&Itemid=122)

#### **Web site of Note**

American Foundation for the Blind

"Career Connect" is a resource for people who want to learn about jobs performed by adults who are blind or visually impaired throughout the United States and Canada. Click on Explore Careers (Registered Nurses). <http://www.afb.org/Section.asp?SectionID=7>

**Educational Opportunity**  
**Advance Your Career in Medical Billing and Coding**

Essex County College Advanced Medical CPT and ICD-9 Coding Certificate Program is available live online <http://www.essex.edu/continuinged/AMC/>

The American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) estimates that the need for Medical Billing and Coding Specialists will increase in the next few years. Beginning this November, ECC will offer an Advanced Medical CPT and ICD-9 Coding Certificate Program live online. The course is available in two live online formats as well as archived

Fully interactive, 2-way audio/video and chat: See, hear and interact in real time with the presenter and other participants. Ask questions live or via text chat (Must have a Pentium® 4 computer or equivalent laptop running Windows XP® and a broadband connection or equivalent IP connection to the Internet) .One-way streamed audio/video with e-mail chat: See and hear a presenter or multiple presenters from multiple locations in real-time and collaborate via email. Archived: All seminars and events will be digitally archived and will be made available after the live sessions based on program needs. Registration deadline is October 31, 2006

**Hurricane Katrina**

**ExceptionalNurse.com Disabled Nurses Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund**

The needs of our colleagues continue to be great. ExceptionalNurse.com continues to receive requests for assistance every day. Donations (large or small) are needed. Mail checks to ExceptionalNurse.com, 13019 Coastal Circle, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.

**Research Opportunity**

\$25/hr p/t consulting jobs for people with functional/sensory impairments

UB's School of Architecture and Planning is conducting a study of built environments' influences on activity performance. This study will employ printed and online surveys as well as online message board discussions to examine the influences of public buildings, public streets and residential environments. All consultants must be available for 1-hour meetings on UB's Main Street Campus that will be scheduled approximately once every two weeks on either a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon between noon and 5pm. Candidates for these paid part-time positions should contact: Gary Scott Danford, Ph.D., Department of Architecture, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, 3435 Main Street, 379 Hayes Hall, Buffalo, NY 14214-3087, (716) 829-3485 x328, <http://www.ap.buffalo.edu/idea/Staff/danford.htm>

**Online Chat**

Many thanks to all who joined the online chat on Wednesday evening, October 18, 2006. A transcript of the chat is available at <http://chat.nursingspectrum.com>.

I will be doing another online chat on Nursing Spectrum about nurses with disabilities in the future. The date will be announced soon.

## **Mentors**

Exceptional Nurse is always looking for mentors. If you are interested in helping others, please email [ExceptionalNurse@aol.com](mailto: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](http://ExceptionalNurse.com) for details.

## **Volunteer opportunities**

<http://www.redcross.org>, <http://www.missingkids.com>, <http://www.nod.org>

[http://www.uniteforsight.org/intl\\_volunteer](http://www.uniteforsight.org/intl_volunteer), [www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com), [www.savedarfur.org](http://www.savedarfur.org)

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Live generously,

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