

The Exceptional Nurse Newsletter

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Hello to all Exceptional Nurses and supporters,

ExceptionalNurse.com Disabled Nurses Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund

As the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina approaches, please remember that nurses with disabilities continue to suffer. ExceptionalNurse.com continues to receive emails and calls requesting assistance. Donations (large or small) are needed. Mail checks to ExceptionalNurse.com, 13019 Coastal Circle, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 or give online at <http://tinyurl.com/2adzle>.

Read “**Disabled and Displaced**” in *Advance for Nurses*.

<http://tinyurl.com/37s9wv>

Web site of note

Student Nurse Tutor

The goal is to help the student be successful in a non-threatening, non-judgmental environment. Techniques are utilized to help the student identify important content from nursing text books, understand test question construction, reduce test anxiety, improve writing skills, and learn effective time management. <http://www.studentnuretutor.com/>

Online Parish Nursing Course

The University of Louisiana at Monroe is offering an online course

<http://tinyurl.com/2kqscm>

(UK) Disability Rights Commission Formal Investigation into Teaching, Nursing, and Social Work

Reports are now available from the Disability Rights Commission's formal investigation into disabled people and entry to these professions at: www.maintainingstandards.org

Nurse with hearing loss wins award

Anne Greenwald “isn't letting her steadily declining hearing keep her from an active life, including operating room nurse... “For her inspiration, she won the Oticon Focus on People Award, a national honor given to those who help eliminate negative stereotypes about hearing loss.... <http://www.ktvz.com/Global/story.asp?S=7089553>

Employment Opportunity

Chicago, Illinois: Wellness Nurse

Eden's Supportive Living offers apartment style housing to people living w/ medical and or physical disabilities. The ideal candidate w/ be a team player w/ a hands on approach that is committed to resident wellness. Excellent opportunity to demonstrate creativity and innovation.

Job Requirements: * Complete quarterly service plans for residents * Coordinate pharmacy services. * Provide information, resources and advice for residents to enhance quality of life * Work closely with Executive Director and Department Heads to communicate changing health status of residents * Provide in-service for associates on an ongoing basis * Complete TB tests for new staff. Interested candidates please e-mail resume to: Maddalena Scudiero, Executive Director scudiero76@yahoo.com

Technology of Note

Possibility of MP3 players replacing stethoscopes discussed in this article.

<http://tinyurl.com/2qe8nl>

The Matias 508 Keyboard™ is a standard desktop keyboard that has been enhanced to allow one-handed and two-handed touch-typing. <http://508keyboard.com/users/index.php>

Minnesota Latest to Pass Legislation for Safe Patient Handling

Minnesota appears to be the most recent state to pass legislation for the safe handling of dependent health care patients and residents. Minnesota's new Safe Patient Handling law requires all licensed health care facilities, including hospitals, outpatient surgical centers, and nursing homes, to establish a safe patient handling committee and a safe patient handling program, to minimize manual lifting by nurses and other direct patient care workers, by utilizing safe patient handling equipment rather than people, to transfer, move, and reposition patients and residents in all health care facilities. Visit <http://www.wingusa.org> for more information.

Imagine the possibilities 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, an limb loss. The book is available at www.iUniverse.com and at other online booksellers for 14.95. ISBN is 0-595-39649-6.

Order a personalized, autographed copy of *Leave No Nurse Behind: Nurses working with disAbilities* directly from ExceptionalNurse.com. It makes a great personal or professional gift. Email: ExceptionalNurse@aol.com.

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.mobilityproject.org/>, http://www.uniteforsight.org/intl_volunteer,
www.invisiblechildren.com, www.savedarfur.org

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Live generously,

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