

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING BOARD VACANCIES CALL FOR NOMINATIONS EXTENDED

The terms of the following members of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) have expired:

- **Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, RN, CNS, CAN**, who serves in a position dedicated to nursing administrator, as set forth in La. R.S. 37:914 (C) (1)(a). Ms. Rosenthal has completed her second term and is not eligible for reappointment.
- **Deborah Olds, RN**, who serves in a position dedicated to other areas of nursing practice as set forth in La. R.S. 7:914(C)(1)(a). Ms. Olds is eligible for reappointment to a second term.

Louisiana Revised Statute 37:914 (C) (1) (b) requires the Louisiana State Nurses Association to submit names of qualified applicants for each State Board of Nursing vacancy. The Governor then selects one person for appointment.

Louisiana Revised Statutes 37:916 A (1-4) state the qualifications for each member of the LSBN:

- 1) Be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Louisiana for one year immediately prior to appointment.
- 2) Hold a current, unencumbered, unrestricted Louisiana license to practice as a Registered Nurse.
- 3) Have had three years experience in the respective field of practice
[nursing service administration for Nursing Administrator position, nursing education for Nursing Educator position, advanced practice for Advanced Practice position, or other areas of nursing practice for Other Areas of Nursing Practice position].
- 4) Be actively engaged in the practice of nursing as a Registered Nurse at the time of appointment.

For a nominee to be considered, all required documents must be received in the LSNA office by **March 31, 2007**. All applicants will be interviewed by the Louisiana State Nurses Association Board of Directors at a time to be determined. Applications are available on the LSNA website www.lsna.org or from the LSNA office

LSNA UPCOMING HOUSE OF DELEGATES and ELECTIONS

The LSNA House of Delegates and Link to the Legislature will be held April 23 and 24, 2007 at Lod Cook Conference Center in Baton Rouge.

Letters informing each district of their number of delegates have been sent to district presidents. Names of Delegates selected by each district should be sent to the LSNA office by April 1, 2007.

We would also like to have a report from each district sharing your activities since the last House of Delegates.

ANA/OJIN Online CE Emergency System for Advance Registration in Disaster Response

One important disaster response mechanism that is under development to improve the country's surge capacity, i.e., its ability to substantially increase the number of volunteer health care professionals available to respond during a disaster, is the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP). Registries, like ESAR-VHP, are significant tools for disaster planning and deployment. The goal of ESAR-VHP is to create a state-based registry of volunteer health professionals, verify their credentials prior to a disaster, and provide opportunities for education and training in disaster response. This article speaks to the registered nurse as a volunteer acting within these types of registries. Specifically, it addresses the development of a personal and professional response plan, and registration programs that provide the preparation needed to enable a nurse responder to work effectively within a disaster response team and facilitate pre-registration with one and only one registry. Go to this Online Continuing Education here... <http://nursingworld.org/ce/cecatalog.cfm>

Holistic Nursing Achievements ANA Speciality Status

Flagstaff, AZ - The profession of Holistic Nursing has attained new levels of acceptance, now officially recognized by the American Nurses Association (ANA) as a nursing specialty with a defined scope and standards of practice. Standing behind this great achievement is the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA), the non-profit support organization for nurses and holistic healthcare professionals. To apply for specialty approval, the AHNA submitted a 76-page document to the ANA that clearly describes holistic nursing as a focused area of nursing practice.

AHNA President, Carla Mariano states that "this is a phenomenal step forward and a very special achievement for holistic nursing. Having holistic nursing recognized as a specialty gives us legitimacy and authority within the mainstream of our profession and credibility in the eyes of the health care world. It also acknowledges our unique contribution to the health and healing of people and society". She applauds the hard work of everyone involved throughout the years. For more information go to this website: www.nurses.com/content/news/article.asp?docid=1e0e9a85-67e4-4704-af75-85e26f99a9e3.

AARC Certification Prep Course April 28-29

The AARC's Asthma Educator Certification Preparation Course is in Providence, Rhode Island on April 28-29. The course is more than just preparation for the Asthma Educator Certification Exam (AE-C). It provides an excellent foundation to help you enhance your knowledge and ability to help your patients manage their asthma. Here's what a past participant had to say about the course: "The program was great!! The speakers were knowledgeable! I would recommend the course to both Nurses and Respiratory Therapists," Joni Colle, RN RRT, Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.

Location:

Providence, RI **CRCE Credit:** 10.2 Hours of CE Credit for Nurses and 10.2 hours of CRCE for Respiratory Therapists*

Registration and Information:

www.aarc.org/education/meetings/ae-c_ri/index.cfm.

Hotel:

Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Crossings, 801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, Rhode Island 02886. Phone 401-732-6000 (Reservations Only) **NAECB:** <http://www.naecb.org>. If you have any questions about the course call the customer service department at (972) 243-2272 or email to

info@aarc.org?subject=Info%20Asthma%20Educator%20Course-Nashville.

NLN Education Summit- Evolution or Revolution: Recreating Nursing Education

Phoenix, Arizona- 9-26

Hotel Information- Hyatt Regency Phoenix at Civic Plaza which will be the headquarters hotel for the conference held in Phoenix. Room Rate - \$169.00 Single/Double for Reservations, visit <http://phoenix.hyatt.com/groupbooking/phxrprac2007>. or Call 800-233-1234/602-252-1234

Conference on Internationally Recruited Nurses: Creating Positive Practice Environments

Creating a positive work environment for all registered nurses – foreign or U.S. educated – will result in better patient outcomes, improved retention of nursing staff, and optimal performance by the health care facility. This conference focuses on strategies that create a positive work environment and facilitate the successful integration of internationally recruited nurses into the health care team and provides a better understanding of the immigration processes related to internationally recruited nurses. The meeting will be held in three locations around the country. **More...** <http://nursingworld.org/meetings>

ANA Announces the Best Practice in Seasonal Influenza Immunization Campaign

The American Nurses Association (ANA) is committed to advocating for the health of nurses and the patients that they serve. Because of this commitment, ANA supports implementation of aggressive and comprehensive influenza vaccination programs for registered nurses that aim for 100% vaccination rates, while allowing nurses to "opt out" with the completion of a declination form. In order to support increased vaccination rates among health care professionals, ANA announces the **Best Practice in Seasonal Influenza Immunization Campaign**. **More info here...** <http://nursingworld.org/coeh/influenza/BestPractices.htm>

First Registered Nurse to Hold Position of Commissioner of the State Department of Health in TN

Susan Cooper, M.S.N., former assistant dean for Practice at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, was named Commissioner of the State Department of Health by Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen on January 12, 2007. When Cooper took office last month, she became the first registered nurse to hold the position. **More info can be found on this website...**
<http://nursingworld.org/news/ananeews.htm#HealthCommTN>

CE Opportunities in LA

March 28-30, 2007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, "The Carville Approach to Management of Neuropathic Foot Problems and Optional Casting Lab-Level I and III (LEAP), National Hansen's Disease Programs, Josie Major, 225-756-3761, jmajor@hrsa.gov, # of contact hours- 25.2 contact hours (3 days), 16.1 contact hours (2 days), 8.1 contact hours (1 day)

April 24-25, 2007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, "Hansen's Disease in the United States-Diagnosis & Treatment, National Hansen's Disease Programs, Josie Major, 225-756-3761, jmajor@hrsa.gov, # of contact hours 13.4

October 23-24, 2007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, "Hansen's Disease in the United States-Diagnosis & Treatment, National Hansen's Disease Programs, Josie Major, 225-756-3761, jmajor@hrsa.gov, # of contact hours 13.4