

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. According to the LSNA bylaws, "Each district in good standing shall be entitled to one delegate for every ten members and to one delegate-at-large." "The number shall be based on the number of members six months preceding a convention" which would be in November, 2006.

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.

Election of officers and other positions on the LSNA Board of Directors will be held at the House of Delegates. Peggy Bourgeois, LSNA Nominating Committee Chair has prepared a slate of candidates. The slate of candidates "ballot" will be paced on the LSNA website www.lsna.org.

NCSBN and ANA ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT ON NURSING DELEGATION

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and the American Nurses Association (ANA) have issued a joint statement on delegation designed to reinforce that delegation is an essential nursing skill and to support the practicing nurse in using delegation safely and effectively. More information can be found here: <http://nursingworld.org/news/ananeews.htm#jointPRdelegation>

EFFECTING POSITIVE CHANGE IN PATIENT SAFETY: PROTECTING PATIENTS FROM HARM

The American Nurses Association (ANA) has been working as a strategic partner with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) in the *Saving 100,000 Lives Campaign*, which aims to educate nurses and others on ways to enhance patient safety in the hospital setting. That partnership continues with the advent of the **5 Million Lives Campaign** which will dramatically reduce incidents of medical harm in US hospitals as initiated December 12, 2006. More... <http://nursingworld.org/patientsafety/index.htm>

ANA HOSTS THE FIRST EVER CONFERENCE ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE OF NURSING QUALITY INDICATORS

The American Nurses Association (ANA) announces its first annual National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI®) conference "Transforming Nursing Data into Quality Outcomes" January 29-31, 2007. Over 900 staff nurses, nurse executives, NDNQI site coordinators, hospital chief executive officers and quality improvement professionals will review the best practices occurring in hospitals using NDNQI® reports to improve the quality of nursing care. Read Press Release at this website: http://nursingworld.org/PRESSREL/2007/PRNDNQI_012407.htm

HOLISTIC NURSING ACHIEVES ANA SPECIALTY STATUS

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. More... www.ahna.org/new/specialty.html

ANA PUBLISHES REVISED PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SCOPE AND STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

This book articulates the essentials of public health nursing, its activities and accountabilities — the who, what, when, where, and how of practice — at all practice levels and settings. It is a core resource for the nurses who focus their professional life in this area. Go to Online bookstore...

<http://nursingworld.org/books/pdescr.cfm?cnum=15#06SSPH>

AMERICAN NURSE TODAY ACCEPTED IN CINAHL INDEX AND CUMULATIVE INDEX TO NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH LITERATURE

Health Com Media (HCM) and the American Nurses Association (ANA) are pleased to announce that *American Nurse Today™* has been selected to be included in the CINAHL index database as well as the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature print index. As an indexed journal, *American Nurse Today™* can be quickly referenced by nurses and other practitioners in the nursing community searching for specific authors and subject matter pertaining to a wide variety of nursing topics. Read Press Release...http://nursingworld.org/PRESSREL/2007/PRCINAHL_011907.htm

THE AMERICAN RADIOLOGICAL NURSES ASSOCIATION AND ANA CO-PUBLISH FIRST RADIOLOGY NURSING STANDARDS

Technological advances and organizational changes continue to expand the role of the radiology nurse to meet the demands of patient care and safety. Radiology nurses diagnose and treat the full range of human responses within their practice settings, scope of licensure, and available resources. Much as surgical patients receive nursing intervention early in their hospital stays, patients in the care of the radiology department require attention and care of the radiology nurse from the time a test or procedure is requested until the patient is discharged. More... http://nursingworld.org/pressrel/2007/ANP-PR_RadiologyNursing012607.htm

CDC "AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION" CAMPAIGN

Arming health educators and consumers with information as well as practical and useful tips on preventing infectious diseases, the **Ounce of Prevention** campaign was created by the National Center for Infectious Diseases, Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in partnership with Reckitt Benckiser, Inc., the makers of LYSOL® Brand Products. More information can be found at this website: <http://nursingworld.org/news/annews.htm#OuncePrevention>

ANCC SEEKING CONTENT EXPERT PANEL VOLUNTEERS

Attention Certified Nurses! Be an Integral Part of the Largest National Certifying Body for Nurses. There are over 30 certification exam areas at the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). ANCC is looking for all specialty areas but the current need for new volunteer members is in the following areas: Pediatric Nurse; Informatics Nurse; and Ambulatory Care Nurse. More... http://nursingworld.org/ancc/cert/CEPs_announcement.htm

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