

Michigan Center for Nursing Winter Events & News

January 2010

Greetings,

The role of the [Michigan Center for Nursing](#) is to facilitate activities designed to ensure that an adequate and ongoing nursing workforce is available to meet the health care needs of the citizens of the State of Michigan. The Michigan Center for Nursing is working in partnership with the [Michigan Department of Community Health](#) to keep you informed with information on nursing issues in Michigan. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Renewing your License in 2010? URGENT NEWS!

Please be advised that due to technical revisions related to changing the licensure fees, license renewal applications for registered nurses, registered nurse specialties, and licensed practical nurses will not be mailed to those whose licenses expire in 2010 until the week beginning January 20, 2010. Nurses will also not be able to renew their licenses on-line until January 20, 2010 at www.michigan.gov/elicense. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and appreciate your patience in this matter.

Thank you.
Bureau of Health Professions
Michigan Department of Community Health
[Click here for more information](#)

Spring 2009 Institute of Nursing Excellence Applications Available



The **Michigan Center for Nursing** and the **Michigan Organization of Nurse Executives (MONE)** have announced the dates for the Spring 2010 Institute of Nursing Excellence to be held at Crystal Mountain Resort & Spa. The dates are March 21-24, 2010.

The **Institute of Nursing Excellence** is a 3 1/2 day retreat style professional development program designed to reward excellent direct-care nurses; encourage them to remain in the profession; increase their capacity for leadership; and enhance their ability to be role models; and enhance their ability to attract others into the profession.

[Click here for the application.](#)

[Click here for photos of past participants.](#)

From the Director of the Michigan Center - Carole Stacy, MSN, MA, RN

I hope that old saying "better late than never" holds true. Our goal was to have a newsletter out before the holidays so we could send holiday greetings from the Center but we kept holding the newsletter for one more bit of news and before we knew it the holidays were upon us.

We've put 2009 to rest and welcome 2010 with open arms and hopes for a year full of positives! This first newsletter of 2010 is really packed full of information, we have the 2009 nursing survey hot off the press so take a few minutes to read through the document. We hope as the year progresses we have good news to share about grant opportunities and other initiatives we have on the drawing board.

Unless you have been living on a deserted island you are aware of the tough economic climate Michigan is facing, many programs have had to be cut or unfunded. Many programs that were directed at nursing and increasing our nursing workforce (scholarships) and nursing education (Nurse Corp) have not made it through the budget process.

The good news is that nursing has stepped up to support nursing. Our nursing colleagues were able to work with the legislature (in an eleventh hour session) to increase the nursing license renewal fee by \$6.00 all of which will go into the Nurse Professional Fund (NPF). The NPF has provided hundreds of thousands of scholarship dollars in the past few years and was seriously depleted, this increase will allow the State to continue many of the programs that support nursing. [\(Click here for more information.\)](#)

We wish you a very belated happy holidays and a prosperous new year.

I also invite you stay connected with us by ["friending us" on our MCN's Facebook fan page](#) or "Tweet us" on MCN's Twitter page at

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Do you work in Long Term Care?

The Center for Nursing has secured funding for a **Long-Term-Care Institute of Nursing Excellence** for nurses (both RN and LPN) working in Long-Term-Care. This will be a pilot program and at least 24 nurses will be able to participate at a much reduced registration rate. If you have questions or need more information, please contact 517-347-8091.

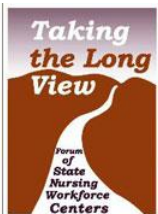
[Click here for the Long Term Care Institute of Nursing Excellence to be held March 16-19, 2010 at Crystal Mountain.](#)

National Nursing Conference to be held in Michigan

Taking the Long View: Nursing Shaping Health: Economics, Policy and Practice

The 8th Annual National Conference of Nursing Workforce Leaders will be held at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Michigan and hosted by the Michigan Center for Nursing on June 9-10, 2010. Save the Date - More information coming soon.

The eighth in a series of annual conferences focusing on the nursing workforce, this conference will address the growing crisis in our capacity to produce a 21st century nursing workforce that is adequate in numbers and prepared for the complexities of healthcare.



Purpose of the 2010 Taking the Long View Conference:

The purpose of this conference is to showcase issues, trends and solutions related to nursing and the economy, to healthcare reform and to safe, quality care. Areas of focus include: economic impact of nurses in a community, contributions to the public health arena, the impact of healthcare reform on nursing and how nurses can contribute to healthcare reform. Proposals that focus on workforce development initiatives i.e. residencies, retention, cost benefits of technology including simulation are also welcome to be submitted.

RN Career Transition Program Honored for Retention Efforts

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation and Michigan State University - College of Nursing received the Building Michigan's Healthcare Workforce Award for Retention. The award recognizes a joint educational initiative called Nursing for Life: The RN Career Transition Program. This program improves the retention of experienced nurses by offering them new career opportunities.

www.twitter.com/MichiganNursing or by sending us an old fashioned email. Thanks!

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Oakwood receives recognition from Michigan Health Council Patient and family-centered care wins award for positive health outcomes

Oakwood Healthcare System (OHS) recently received an award from the Michigan Health Council for implementing the Relationship Oriented Care (ROC) nursing philosophy system-wide. Oakwood's director of nurse recruitment & retention Diane DiFiore, RN, MSA, accepted the 2009 Building Michigan's Healthcare Workforce Award for Retention on behalf of OHS.



OHS was the first healthcare system in southeast Michigan to fully implement ROC, a method that relies on patient and family-centered communication to create positive health outcomes. Nurse executives and staff use ROC principles to guide their patient care delivery. Creating a more positive clinical environment through ROC increased nurse retention from 89 percent to 92 percent.

[Click here for more photos from the 2009 Building Michigan's Healthcare Workforce Award presentation.](#)

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In recent weeks nurses in Michigan have lost two nursing leaders.

Roberta Abrams who for many years carried the banner for the Coalition of Michigan Organizations of Nursing (COMON) and lead the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) passed away after a valiant fight against multiple myeloma. She will be remembered always for her wit and wisdom, for her mentoring and coaching, and most of all for her love of nursing.

"Nurses are critical to quality health care and we are pleased to support efforts that help retain an adequate and skilled nurse workforce in our communities," said Ira Strumwasser, executive director and CEO of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation. "We need these valuable health care professionals to ensure and maintain a healthy Michigan."



The program provides support to the nursing profession challenged by the physical demands of working in an acute-care hospital environment. In the absence of other clinical opportunities, many leave the field of nursing. Nursing for Life offers career alternatives by providing state-of-the-art education in both classroom and clinical settings to transition nurses to other types of less physically demanding jobs. These include nursing opportunities in long-term care, ambulatory and hospice facilities.

On January 2 another nursing light was dimmed, Dr. Mary Jo Arndt Director of Undergraduate Programs for Michigan State University College of Nursing. For Dr. Arndt, nursing defined what is truly important in life - a deep calling of service and care for people.

Both of these ladies exemplified what it means to be a nurse, they will be missed.

Nurse2Nurse Fund - Now Available

**Nurse2Nurse
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*Helping Nursing Students
Through Tough Times*

Nurse2Nurse provides emergency grants-in-aid to prelicensure RN and LPN students facing a one-time need that otherwise would force them to leave school. The

Nurse2Nurse grants-in-aid will not exceed \$250. Since November 2008 the **Nurse2Nurse** program has awarded over \$2,000 in funds. [Click here for more information on Nurse2Nurse.](#)

Applications Now Available for the Michigan League for Nursing and Michigan Council of Nursing Education Administrators (MCNEA) \$1,000 Scholarship

[Click here for an application.](#)

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Other Conferences, Events & News

Introduction to Nurse Anesthesia

If you have an interest in nurse anesthesia and want to know more, consider enrolling in HCR 130 - [Introduction to Nurse Anesthesia](#) at University of Michigan-Flint's School of Health Professions and Studies. It is a 1-credit hour course that will meet every other Tuesday evening for 2 hours at Hurley Medical Center in the Winter 2010 semester. Course dates are Jan. 12, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, Mar. 9, Mar. 23, Apr. 6, and Apr. 20. The course meets from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The course is intended to assist students and Registered Nurses in their consideration of Nurse Anesthesia as a future career. For more information, call the Anesthesia Program office at (810) 257-9264.

Articles, White Papers & Reports

[HealthLink from the Michigan Department of Community Health Fall 2009 Issue](#)

MCN Appreciates Your Continuing Support

Every year, the [Michigan Center for Nursing](#) has advanced its efforts to solve Michigan's nursing shortage. We work year-round with nurse leaders, nurse educators and staff nurses from all sectors of the field to make a difference in the working lives of Michigan's current and future nurses. Honor a nurse, a family member, a friend, or yourself with a donation to the MCN. Make your checks payable to Michigan Center for Nursing - 2410 Woodlake Drive, Okemos, MI 48864. Your donation is tax deductible as we are a non-profit.



Nurse iCON: Nursing's Resource for Professional And Career Development

Did you know...

Nurse iCON is the ONLY job board that focuses specifically on Michigan nursing jobs?

Nurse iCON is based in Michigan and part of the Michigan Health Council so we know and understand the unique challenges faced by Michigan's healthcare industry and its workforce?

Nurse iCON offers professional development tools to help nurses write a resume, prepare for an interview, write a cover letter and much more?

Nurse iCON provides information on career fairs, events and training programs throughout Michigan?

Nurse iCON is a recruiting resource used by 100's of health care employers across the state?

Best of all.....**Nurse iCON is FREE to all nurses!**

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