

The CNL[®] Bulletin

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The CNL Bulletin, an online newsletter of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the Commission on Nurse Certification (CNC), features the latest news and information on the Clinical Nurse LeaderSM (CNL) initiative and the CNL[®] Certification Program.

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2010 CNL Summit

More than 400 nurse faculty, deans, chief nurse officers, physicians, practicing CNLs, and students attended the 2010 CNL Summit, January 20-22, in San Diego. Jointly sponsored by AACN and the Veteran's Health Administration Office of Nursing Services, sessions focused on topics from quality and safety to tools for implementing and sustaining the CNL role. The theme of the conference, *On the Leading Edge of Healthcare Reform*, provided a platform for such speakers as Rosemary Gibson, MSc, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Mary Wakefield, PhD, RN, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and, Doug Salvador, MD, Maine Medical Center. Presentations and handouts of the various sessions are posted at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/CNL/10cnlsummit.htm>.

Mark your calendar now for the 2011 CNL Summit - next January 20-22 in Florida.

AACN/ Dartmouth Institute Microsystem Academy

The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice Microsystem Academy in partnership with AACN is pleased to present a unique developmental program for nursing faculty and clinical partners. This program is designed for all graduate nursing faculty and their clinical partners to learn and practice quality and safety at the microsystem level, with educators, to developing the expertise needed to enhance graduate nursing curricula. Upon completion of the series, faculty and clinical partners will receive TDI-MA certification.

This highly interactive series provides didactic content with action learning periods for nursing faculty and clinical partners to gain first hand experience to build nursing curriculum for nursing programs. Learning materials and support include web learning sessions, interactive web modules, on site face-to-face learning, textbooks, worksheets, individual coaching and advice, email and office hours for support and encouragement.

The format is primarily web-based complimented with a two day onsite learning session at Dartmouth and an optional final session at the 2011 AACN Master's Education Conference.

May 17, 9am-12:30 pm	Web session
June 28-29	Dartmouth
June-August	Action Period with office hours
September 13, 9am-12:30 pm	Web session
September-November	Action Period with office hours
November 15, 9am-12:30 pm	Web session
November-December	Action Period with office hours
December 13, 9am-12:30 pm	Web session
December 2010-January 2011	Final Action Period
January 2011	Final report session TBD
January 24, 2011	Final Video report out
February 2011	Optional Final session at AACN's Master's Education Conference

The deadline to register is April 30, 2010. For more information and registration, go to www.clinicalmicrosystem.org and click "Events" or contact Joy McAvoy@Joy.McAvoy@dartmouth.edu.

CNL Wall of Fame

To recognize the achievements of CNLs, CNL education programs, faculty, and students, CNC has created an online **CNL Wall of Fame**. To be featured on the CNL Wall of Fame, e-mail a description to the CNC along with a photograph. For more information, go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/CNC/WallofFame.htm>.

CNC Launches CNL Career Services

CNC is pleased to announce career services that focus on the CNL.

Online Portfolio Service

An online portfolio service is now available! CNC has partnered with Decision Critical to bring you Critical Portfolio, an electronic web-based portfolio service. Designed to track professional development activities, the online portfolio is an excellent method for maintaining a record of continuing education, employment history, licensure, etc. You may also include supporting documents such as copies of educational transcripts, letters of recommendation, and certificates. The portfolio service may be used by students, faculty, and practicing nurses – participation is not limited to individuals affiliated with the CNL.

CNL Job Bank

The CNL Job Bank is designed for job seekers, employers, and recruiters. The job bank is updated monthly as positions become available. If your institution is seeking to hire a CNL, post a position with CNC. Several CNL positions are currently posted.

To access CNC's career services, go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/CNC/careerservices.htm>. For more information, contact Tracy Lofty, CNC Director, at tlofty@aacn.nche.edu.

Clarification of Requirements to Sit for the CNL Certification Examination

- Students in their last term of a CNL program may sit for the CNL Certification Exam prior to sitting for NCLEX. These students will be formally certified after successfully passing the certification exam and notifying CNC of meeting the remaining eligibility requirements - RN licensure and graduation from a CNL education program.
- Faculty of CNL education programs are eligible to sit for the CNL Certification Exam and may submit an application through December 2012. To be eligible, faculty must hold an unencumbered RN license and have earned a graduate degree in nursing or a related health care discipline. Faculty should submit the hard copy of the application posted at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/CNC/reqdocs.htm>.

Every CNL education program should register as an exam site to allow their students and faculty to sit for the exam. CNL Program Directors are responsible for setting the testing date within each testing period as applicable. To serve as an exam site and for a listing of program resources, go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/CNC/register.htm>.

CNL Self-Assessment Examination

CNC now offers the CNL Self-Assessment Examination (SAE). The 40-question online SAE is a self-paced tool developed by practicing CNLs and academicians in conjunction with Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. It is designed to familiarize you with the CNL Certification Examination - the SAE parallels the content and difficulty of the CNL exam and reflects the format of the multiple choice items.

The SAE may be used by students, program directors, CNL candidates, and CNL certificants:

- Students may use the SAE as an additional assessment tool before completion of a CNL educational program (consultation with the program director is recommended).
- Program directors of CNL education programs may use the SAE to incorporate into the CNL curriculum and to enhance learning experiences.
- CNL candidates may use the SAE to evaluate their knowledge before taking the CNL Certification Examination.
- CNL certificants may use the SAE to determine if they are remaining current with the profession.

The cost to purchase the SAE is \$50. For more information, go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/CNC/selfassess.html> or contact Tracy Lofty, CNC Director, at tlofty@aacn.nche.edu.

1000th Certified CNL

CNC is pleased to announce the 1000th CNL! Subarna Mukherjee of Atlanta, Georgia received the CNL certification in April 2010. She is a CNL graduate from the Medical College of Georgia.

Release of Exam Data to Schools of Nursing

Effective November 2009, individual detailed CNL Certification Examination results are no longer shared with the schools of nursing. The faculty contacts for the schools of nursing will receive aggregate reports with pass/fail information and a summary report of the average scores by content area; schools must have at least two individuals sitting for the multiple choice section and the simulation section to receive a report of each section. This new process allows for confidentiality of the exam results.

CNL Certification Examination Dates and Fees

Testing for CNL certification is web-based and conducted onsite at the candidate's school of nursing. CNL Program Directors are responsible for coordinating an exam date and notifying CNC. To access the exam site registration form, visit www.aacn.nche.edu/CNC/pdf/SiteReg.pdf.

Applications must be received by the deadline, not postmarked.

Testing Period	Application Deadline	Program Registration Deadline
July 19-August 13, 2010	June 18, 2010	June 18, 2010
November 29-December 17, 2010	October 29, 2010	October 29, 2010
January 10-January 28, 2011	December 3, 2010	December 3, 2010
April 19-May 13, 2011	March 18, 2011	March 18, 2011

Fees

Initial application/testing	\$315
Re-testing: Complete exam (multiple-choice and simulation sections)	\$230
Re-testing: Multiple-choice section only	\$175
Re-testing: Simulation section only	\$175

There is a \$30 late fee for applications submitted after the deadline. Applications submitted more than five days after the deadline will be considered for the next testing period.

Acknowledgement of Outgoing CNC Board of Commissioners

CNC greatly acknowledges the following Board of Commissioners with terms ending June 30, 2010:

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Morton Plant Mease Health Care
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Eastern Kansas Health Care
Topeka, KS

Melissa Vandever, PhD, RN
Director, Direct Entry CNL Program
Sonoma State University
Rohnert Park, CA

CNC Announces Board of Commissioners and Marketing Committee Appointments

CNC is pleased to announce the 2010-2011 Board of Commissioners and Marketing Committee appointments (terms are effective July 1, 2010):

CNC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TERM EXPIRATION

PRACTICE

Terry Beach, MS, RN, CNL
Infection Prevention
Providence Health System
Beaverton, OR

June 30, 2012

Sue Hartranft, PhD, ARNP, CNL
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June 30, 2013

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June 30, 2011

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Ambulatory Care Clinic RN Manager
VA Palo Alto
Palo Alto, CA

June 30, 2013

EDUCATION

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Associate Professor
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Fairfield, CT

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San Francisco, CA

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Professor/Director, CNL Programs
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TERM EXPIRATION

June 30, 2012

Patricia L. Thomas, PhD, MSN, RN, CNL
Interim Dean, College of Health Professions &
McAuley School of Nursing
University of Detroit Mercy
Detroit, MI

June 30, 2012

Linda Andreoli Receives National Student Nurse of the Year Award

Linda Andreoli, a second-year CNL student at the University of Toledo, has been selected as the “Nation’s Most Outstanding Student” for the 2009/2010 academic year. As the recipient of the National Student Nurse of the Year award by StuNurse.com, an arm of Publishing Concepts, Inc., Linda received a \$1000 scholarship, a plaque highlighting her achievements, and feature cover on the magazine.

Nominated by a group of peers, faculty, and Timothy Gasper, PhD, RN, Dean and Professor at the University of Toledo School of Nursing, Linda was chosen as the most outstanding among the many entries from across the nation. According to Dr. Gasper, “She raises the expectations for all of us in the College of Nursing and demonstrates the best in the college, her student peers, and herself.”

A full copy of StuNurse.com is available online at <http://www.stunurse.com/>; click on the magazine icon located in the upper left corner of the web page (just below the HOME button). Linda is on the front page, pages 3, 10-11, 13 (UT congratulatory page) and page 16 (congratulating her as a US Navy Reserve member).

CNL Events

University of San Francisco School of Nursing
3rd Annual Clinical Nurse Leader Conference: *Magnetism in Action*
June 18, 2010

Moving from theory to action, the conference will showcase the CNL role by highlighting the impact of CNL practice on initiatives as diverse as quality improvement, patient outcome management, cost reduction, and journeys to magnet status.

A combination of keynote speakers, staff and student poster presentations, panel discussions, and a catered lunch and reception will be included in this event.

To register and to submit an abstract, go to <http://web.usfca.edu/nursing/cn12010/>. For additional information, contact Megan McDrew at 415-422-2806; msmcdrew@usfca.edu.

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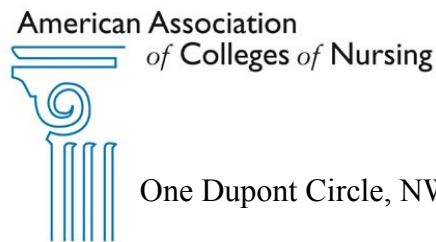
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