



Dr. Diane Skiba

Join Us June 10th for the 21st Annual Nursing Leadership Convention

Nurse Educators at the Forefront – Incorporating Social Networking Technology

Nurse educators - including faculty, staff development, managers and clinicians - are invited to the CT League for Nursing's 21st Annual Leadership Convention on **Thursday, June 10th from 8:00 am to 2:15 pm** at St. Clement's Castle in Portland, CT.

Dr. Diane Skiba, a nationally recognized speaker on healthcare informatics and web-based education, will be back again this year to continue her Web 2.0 presentation and take us to the next level with a hands-on demonstration of the professional social networking site "NING". Dr. Skiba will explain how social networking is redefining the work and education of health professionals, and how you can set yourself apart as a leader by leveraging it in your daily work. This is a "don't miss" CLN annual event!

To register or view the full convention schedule, visit www.ctleaguefornursing.org.

Cost is \$125 for CLN members, \$100 for retired members or full-time students, and \$160 for non-members.

Call for Posters

Share your Successes at the Convention

Show off examples of your successful initiatives, strategies and outcomes in nursing education and practice by creating a poster to be displayed at the June 10th Nursing Leadership Convention.

Submit a brief 2-paragraph poster concept overview no later than Monday, April 19 to lisa@ctleaguefornursing.org or mail to CLN, 377 Research Parkway, Suite 2D, Meriden, CT 06450. All overviews will be reviewed, and individuals will receive feedback by May 4 regarding selection. A total of 15 posters will be on display at the Convention. Questions?

Call CLN at 203-235-6873.

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Technology Intensive Workshop

Looking for an opportunity to receive hands-on training to develop your personal “NING” social network from a national expert?

Join **Dr. Diane Skiba** on Friday, June 11 from 9 am – 12 noon at the Middletown Inn for an exclusive half-day session as a follow-up to her technology keynote address delivered during the Nursing Leadership Convention. Participants will learn how to set-up their internet pages, incorporate webinars for interactive discussion, invite participants into your social network and maximize cutting-edge technology.

Cost is \$90 and is limited to the first 25 registrants. Convention attendance is a prerequisite. Register at www.ctleaguefornursing.org or email maryannturner@cox.net.

CLN Seeks Sponsor Champion for Statewide Nurse Faculty Initiative

The CT League for Nursing is seeking a corporate sponsor to underwrite the cost of one of its most critical programs for 2010 – The CT Nurse Educator Project – to increase the number of clinical nurse faculty in CT by 40 educators within 16 months.

This initiative is the “lynch pin” to address the state’s failing ranking of 49th of 50 states in terms of educating an adequate number of RNs to enter the workforce. By 2020, it is predicted that CT will be “short” 22,400 RNs, and in 11 years, most of our CT hospitals will be short 420 RNs – a 53% vacancy rate at hospital bedsides just as the baby boom generation peaks.

The project will aim to alleviate the bottleneck for acceptance of qualified nursing candidates within schools of nursing that offer the RN credential. This increase in faculty will also support student retention, as it will decrease the workload of full-time faculty to focus on proactive student counseling and interventions.

The sponsor of this project will receive statewide recognition and significant visibility throughout the industry, within state agencies and in the legislature. For more information and sponsorship, contact Marcia Proto at Marcia@ctleaguefornursing.org

Attention Sponsors, Advertisers and Trade Show Exhibitors

Reach 225 Nursing Professionals at the June 10th Leadership Convention

Showcase your goods and services at CLN’s premier nurse educator’s event through sponsorship, exhibit space or by placing an ad in CLN’s Convention Program Book. Opportunities range from \$500 to \$5,000.

Please contact Mary Ann Turner at 860-745-4649 or maryannturner@cox.net for a complete list of opportunities to support CLN and the Annual Convention.

DON'T FORGET

Pick up the 2010-2012 Guide for Nursing for Education in Connecticut.



Call CLN to request your copies and coordinate date/time for pick-up.

Nurse Refresher Program ... “A Valuable Experience”

We enjoy hearing from you! Whether it's a comment, suggestion or a testimonial about your experience with a CLN program or service, we welcome your feedback so that we can continue to provide meaningful opportunities to our membership.

The following email came to us by Maxine Goldsmith as our Nurse Refresher Course marked its 10th Anniversary this year. Let us hear from you, send your comments to lisa@ctleaguefornursing.org.

Dear Mary,

I want to thank you and the entire Masonicare Partners organization for the very positive experience I had taking the third module of the RN Refresher course. Your willingness to accept students from the Charter Oak University – Connecticut League for Nursing partnership is commendable.

Everyone I met was welcoming. In particular Gail Gabrielli was an excellent facilitator, wonderfully accommodating and supportive. Barbara Yungk was a fantastic preceptor; patient, instructive, encouraging and knowledgeable. Three weeks with a student is not an easy endeavor and she did it with professionalism and grace. The day I spent with Donna Ward was tremendous. The wound care class and subsequent patient visits with Cathy Kulas provided important learning opportunities.

I highly value the entire experience. It provided me with the tools and confidence I needed to reenergize my clinical nursing practice. Thank you for the opportunity to do that within your organization. Now I look forward to practicing clinical nursing for many years to come.

*Sincerely,
Maxine Goldsmith RN CCP MBA*

CLN Offers FREE Job Posting on Website

It's EASY as 1-2-3...

1. Log onto the CLN site at www.ctleaguefornursing.org and click on “JOB OPENINGS”
2. Click on the “POST A JOB”
3. Complete form and submit your posting

**Connecticut League
for Nursing** 

Nominations Being Accepted for CLN Board and Committee Seats

CLN is looking for nursing leaders to serve as future Board and Committee members to further its mission of promoting excellence in nursing education to build a strong and diverse Connecticut nursing workforce.

Join the new vibrant management and its energized board and committees by volunteering your ideas and expertise to help create and build a strong future for CLN and its membership. Feedback from recent board and committee meetings are extremely positive, touting “positive dynamics, forward-thinking attitude, exciting discussions and amazing progress.”

If you would like to serve in a CLN volunteer leadership capacity, please contact:

Ingrid Bredenberg
203-235-6873

Jan Costello
Nominations Chairperson
860-727-6919

CLN Survey Results Reveal CT Nursing School Grads Opinions, State's Future

475 nursing students completed surveys at CLN's November 2009 Student Days revealing interesting trends for Connecticut nurse staffing. The Connecticut Health Policy Project crunched the CLN survey results, which interestingly showed the following:

- The average age of nursing school graduates is 32 for RNs, 33 for LPNs.
- About 1/3rd are graduating with no debt; most others owe \$10,000 to \$30,000.
- Most graduates expect to work in hospitals; many LPNs also expect to work in nursing homes. Over 96% expect to stay and work in Connecticut.
- 90% of RNs expect to work full time, while 83% of LPNs expect full time work.
- Factors affecting their practice location decisions include (from most to least important) distance, location, work environment, money/tuition assistance, schedule/quality of life, and benefits.
- The least important factor affecting a nursing school graduates decision was "the institution's mission/to make a difference."

For a copy of the report, "[Workforce Survey of 2010 CT Nursing School Graduates](http://www.cthealthpolicy.org)" visit www.cthealthpolicy.org.

It's CLN Organizational Membership Renewal Time!

CLN member organizations should expect their annual membership renewal forms and invoices by mail May 1st.

Enhanced benefits for 2010:

- Your organization will receive a **\$50 coupon** to CLN's RN Student Day
- **\$50 of your dues** will be donated to CLN's scholarship fund. In 2010 this fund will be expanded to offer Nurse Educator Scholarships.

We strongly value your support of CLN's mission. Feel free to visit us at our new office at 377 Research Parkway, Suite 2D Meriden, CT 06450, or call us at 203-235-6873 with questions.

Upcoming Educational Programs

Friday, April 23, 2010

Certified Nurse Educator Preparation Workshop
8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Masonicare, Wallingford, CT
Fee: \$220

Friday, June 4, 2010

Nurse Faculty Item Writing Workshop
8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Gateway Community College, North Haven, CT
Fee: \$95

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Nursing Leadership Convention Incorporating Social Networking Technology
8:00 am to 2:30 pm
St. Clements Castle, Portland, CT
Fee:
\$125 member
\$160 non-member
\$100 retired

Friday, June 11, 2010

Exclusive Technology Intensive Facilitated by Dr. Diane Skiba
Limited to 25 participants
8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Middletown Inn, Middletown, CT
Fee: \$90

Wednesday, November 3, 2010

RN Student Day
Aqua Turf, Plantsville, CT