

CLN in the Forefront of Online Nursing Education

Now Offering Three Web-Based Home Care Courses

The CT League for Nursing has established itself as a leader in providing online education to nurses to meet the growing need in Connecticut. CLN currently offers three web-based programs focused on home care in partnership with Sacred Heart University and Charter Oak State College.

As state and national healthcare reform initiatives and “funding preferences” by payers are aimed at keeping patients in their homes whenever appropriate for treatment and nursing care, CLN expects that the need for additional home care nurses will quickly trend upward, making online training with a focus on home care, in demand.

“CLN continues to solidify its partnerships with Sacred Heart University and Charter Oak State College to stay ahead of this trend and provide nurses with convenient web-based access to the education that they need,” said Marcia Proto, co-executive director of CLN.

CLN promotes these programs at special events, healthcare tradeshow, through direct mail, and email communications. To learn about these programs visit the CLN home care education portal at <http://www.ctleaguefornursing.org/homecareonline.html>



Reminder...

Annual Nursing Leadership Convention – June 10th *Nurse Educators – Incorporating Social Networking Technology*

CLN is expecting a strong turnout of nurse educators, including faculty, staff development, managers and clinicians, for the CT League for Nursing’s 21st Annual Leadership Convention on Thursday, June 10 from 8 am to 2:15 pm at St. Clement’s Castle in Portland, CT.

Dr. Diane Skiba, 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”.

. Cost is \$125 for CLN members, \$100 for retired members or full-time students, and \$160 for non-members. To register or view the full convention schedule, visit www.ctleaguefornursing.org.

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Sacred Heart University's Unique Opportunity Online Certificate Program in Home Care Management



Anne Barker

The online certificate program in Home Health Care Management, offered by Sacred Heart University in collaboration with the Connecticut League for Nursing, was designed for nurses ascending to management positions in Home Health Agencies to meet the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health (DPH) requirements. DPH requires nurses in managerial positions in home care who do not have a BSN to complete at least six credits in health care management or community health from an accredited college, university or school of nursing.

According to Anne M. Barker, Ed.D., RN, Chair and Professor of Nursing at Sacred Heart University Nursing Program, this educational opportunity is a result of SHU's expertise in leadership development in the field of home care and CLN's ability to promote cutting-edge nursing education within the state of Connecticut.

Dr. Barker, a pioneer and leader in the development and implementation of online courses, says that Sacred Heart University's online learning is an Internet-based teaching/learning experience where students can expect equivalent content and opportunity for learning comparable to students who take the same course on campus.

The online certificate program uses Blackboard, a web-based system that provides a user-friendly interface with simple point and click access to course content, collaborative workspaces and online resource centers. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and allows for easy information interchange between student and instructor.

For more information or to enroll in the certificate program please contact Alma Haluch at halucha@sacredheart.edu.
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Charter Oak State College Introduction to Home Care Nursing

Offered by the Connecticut League for Nursing in collaboration with Charter Oak State College, two online homecare orientation models have been developed in consultation with the Connecticut Association for Home Care and Hospice.

The first of the two courses targets individuals seeking to make a seamless transition into the field of home health care nursing. Led by a faculty mentor who is an expert home care nurse, the course provides 45 continuing education contact hours. Participants may complete the course at their own pace within a 6 month period.

The second course is to support a home care company with "on-boarding" new hires. Comprised of two modules – Clinical Practice in the Home Care Environment and Home Care Regulations and Documentation Requirements, these programs offer home care agencies a cost-effective and flexible means of streamlining and standardizing the orientation process for new hires.

Home care agencies interested in licensing both modules for one year and have its internal staff serve as the Instructor of Record can do so for a fee of \$1,950.

For questions, or to schedule a free consultation, contact Marcia Proto, marcia@ctleaguefornursing.org.

Refresher Course Launches Nursing Leader

Katie Olive, RN

Touting Homecare Nursing as Right Place, Right Time for Mature, Experienced Nurses



Katie Olive, RN, Nursing Education Specialist at Masonicare, and a member of the faculty at Quinnipiac University, is a positive example of how a refresher course can jump-start a nursing career in a new setting, and how involvement in CLN offers personal and professional rewards.

About a decade ago, finding herself needing to reinstate her nursing license in Connecticut after not working in nursing for several years, Katie Olive enrolled in a refresher course that would peak her interest in the field of home-based nursing. At the time, Olive was unaware that CLN offered online nurse refresher courses with a home care connection, and enrolled in a refresher course at Capitol Community College in Hartford.

“I was at a point in my career when I was interested in the lifestyle afforded by working a Monday through Friday daytime schedule,” said Olive. “I found that homecare nursing is perfectly tailored to individuals with life experience and nursing maturity who may be further along in their career,” she added.

Olive, who coordinates clinical student rotations and develops staff education programs at Masonicare Home Health and Hospice, as well as teaching nursing courses for new and returning nurses at Quinnipiac, touts the benefits of home care as a setting for skilled nurses who enjoy being independent, or who are re-entering the workforce later in their career.

According to Olive, home care nurses need to have a wide base of knowledge, have the ability to think critically and independently in a variety of situations, and be able to collaborate as a virtual member of the patient’s health care team.

As an extension to her professional roles, Olive is an active member of the CT League for Nursing’s Program Committee. Olive said that she sees great value in CLN’s online refreshers to gain a wide base of knowledge, and particularly the online home care course to learn the specifics including the regulatory issues involved in home care work.

“I got involved with CLN because it provides a unique perspective on nursing – combining education and the service side of training,” Olive said. “I’m particularly interested in becoming more active in CLN’s online program development and have been able to engage two other professionals as committee members to add their expertise to the eclectic blend of academic and service professionals,” she added.

“I find my participation in CLN to be energizing and an opportunity to contribute while learning from other professionals who have a passion for nursing education and continually strive to improve patient care.”

To get more involved, call our office at 203-235-6873 or visit www.ctleaguefornursing.org.

**Connecticut League
for Nursing NLN**

Program Calendar

Friday, June 4, 2010

Nurse Faculty Item Writing
Workshop

8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Gateway Community College,
North Haven, CT

Fee: \$95

Thurs., June 10, 2010

Nursing Leadership Convention
Incorporating Social Networking
Technology

8:00 am to 2:30 pm
St. Clements Castle, Portland

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

Fee: \$90

Wed., Nov. 3, 2010

RN Student Day
Aqua Turf, Plantsville, CT