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Happy Holidays

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Health Affairs Scholarship Winner Announced!

The Health Affairs Committee received four applications for the 2012-2013 Health Affairs Scholarship. It was a very difficult decision as all the applicants were worthy candidates. It's GAPNA's pleasure to announce **Connie Carunchia, NP-C**, of Kendallville, Indiana, as this year's Health Affairs Scholarship Award winner. Congratulations Connie!

Note: Please look for our "Health Affairs Scholarship Winner" article coming in the February issue of the GAPNA Newsletter.

[Read more about the Health Affairs Scholarship.](#)

GAPNA FREE CNE Gifts!*

The success and well-being of those we serve (YOU) is the foundation of GAPNA's success. We want to thank you for your membership and commitment to gerontological nursing and provide you with our free gift of FREE CNE.

Redeem conference code [GAPNAGift12 in our Online Library](#) to gain FREE access to APRN Consensus Model offering 1.5 contact hours.

Upcoming Events

**Northern California Chapter
"What's New in Geriatric Care"**
Saturday, February 2, 2013
8:30am to 4:00pm
Kaiser Permanente
South San Francisco
Medical Office Building (MOB)
1200 El Camino Real South
San Francisco, CA
Registration Deadline:
Friday, January 18th
GAPNA Members - \$60;
Non-Members - \$75; Students - \$35
[Download the registration form](#)

**Georgia Chapter
"Improving the Lives of
Older Adults through Quality
Interprofessional Care"**
Saturday, March 2, 2013 -
8:00am to 5:00pm
The Historic Academy of Medicine at
Georgia Tech
875 W. Peachtree St, Atlanta, GA
Registration opens soon for APRNs,
MDs, PAs, SWs, and RNs
www.georgiagapna.org

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Online Library

If you are looking for a little more learning fun during your holiday time off, we'd also like to give you \$30 off in our Online Library as well. Simply redeem the coupon code [GAPNAholiday12](#) at check out.

We hope you have a joyful holiday season and a very happy new year!

Need Help Writing an Abstract?

There are many areas where APNs can impact the care of older adults including evaluating the association between treatment of symptoms and outcomes; increasing the evidence base for treatment of health issues; understanding psychological well-being, spiritual well-being, and quality of life of patients; re-evaluating service delivery; and creating innovative models of care. There are special needs particularly in geriatrics in the areas of caregiver burden, the adaptation for palliative care of the older adult, and health disparities in minority elders as well as a variety of other issues related to the older population.

However, practicing APNs rarely share their expertise by presenting, publishing, or participating in research due to a number of reasons from a hectic work schedule to lack of knowledge on presenting or publishing as well as fear or intimidation.

It is imperative APNs assist in increasing nursing knowledge and sharing their expertise. Creating an abstract is the first step towards sharing nursing expertise. Attention should be paid to developing an abstract that conveys your knowledge and passion and is a concise as well as knowledgeable one. There is basic information that needs to be included in an abstract.

[Read the full article on why you should develop an abstract and how to go about it.](#)

GAPNA's Approver Unit Closing

As you are aware, for many years GAPNA has been an Approver Unit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). This has allowed us to review and approve CNE's for GAPNA educational activities. Over the past several years we have had to close the Provider Unit; deal with increasing and ongoing costs associated with operating the Approver Unit; and recruit volunteers to process the applications though relatively few members have requested this resource.

In addition, the ANCC has called for new criteria to be set in place as of January 1, 2013. Implementing said new criteria would call for significant additional human and capital resources. All things



[Non-AD Dementia](#)
(session captured at GAPNA's 2011 Annual Conference)

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considered, the Board feels sustaining the Unit is no longer an option and has made the decision to discontinue the Approver Unit effective December 31st.

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Mark Your Calendars for GAPNA's 2013 Annual Conference

The GAPNA 2013 Annual Conference "Enhancing Access, Promoting Quality Care & Improving Outcomes for Older Adults" will take place in Chicago at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers during the dates of September 18-21, 2013. Mark your calendars now to attend! More information to come shortly.

GAPNA is Seeking Volunteers

GAPNA is forming a Task Force to examine issues surrounding specialty certification in Care of the Older Adult.

The Task Force is expected to begin their work in January of 2013 and will be meeting regularly via teleconference call. Volunteers will be expected to participate on the calls and contribute to the goals of the Task Force, which will include analysis of the market for specialty certification, costs and benefits of offering a certification and making recommendations to the GAPNA Board with findings. The Task Force will also be instrumental in design of any certification measure or process.

If you are interested in serving on this task force, please notify Sherry Dzurko in the National Office (GAPNA@ajj.com) by January 1, 2013.

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