

NSNA Offers Faculty a Priceless Experience for an Affordable Price

Please join us for the 29th Annual MidYear Conference, Memphis, TN, October 27-30, 2011

With college and university as well as personal budgets stretched to the limit, NSNA offers faculty a reduced registration fee of \$80 (advance registration) for the entire MidYear Conference! In addition to a wide selection of student leadership development sessions and topical workshops, faculty can earn contact hours for selected programs. Here's some program highlights of the MidYear Conference:

Compassion Energy: How to recognize it. How to experience it

The Keynote Speaker is **Sally Karioth**, PhD, RN, teacher, writer, talk show host and nationally renowned grief therapist. Dr. Karioth will explore how to encourage students and faculty to be energized and honored when caring for complex and difficult patients—rather than overwhelmed with compassion fatigue. She will help attendees to recognize the exquisite moments of each day, how to avoid life traps and to celebrate the essence of nursing as a profession and advocacy. The Keynote Speaker is sponsored by Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc.

The Road to Sharps Injury Prevention

Needle stick and sharps injuries remain one of the greatest risks that frontline health care workers face. Improving the safety of the work environment has long been a core goal of the American Nurses Association and the organization has launched a number of advocacy and educational campaigns to reduce sharps injuries among U.S. nurses. This presentation makes the case for refocusing efforts on prevention and provides an overview of ANA's Safe Needles Save Lives Campaign. Nursing students and faculty will come away with a better appreciation for this occupational risk and how to prevent injury. We are honored that ANA President, **Karen Daley**, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, will deliver this important message. This session is sponsored by the American Nurses Association.

Faculty Workshops for Continuing Education Credit: This activity has been submitted to the New York State Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. The New York State Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

NSNA Leadership University Consultant/Advisor Certificate Program

This 4.5 hour certificate program is specifically tailored to enhance the experience and effectiveness of state consultants and school chapter advisors. Topics include role and responsibility of faculty advisors and state consultants; essentials of fiduciary responsibility; legal and financial aspects of running a non-profit organization; working with volunteer leaders; avoiding conflicts of interest, and much more. Pre-test and some self-study required prior to attending so please register in advance. Contact nsna@nsna.org for more information.

Orientation to the Conference and NSNA Update for Consultants and Advisors

Faculty will learn about the highlights of the 2011 MidYear Conference; discuss major programs of NSNA that are relevant to both faculty and students; learn about NSNA's programs and activities; and identify strategies to assist students to develop their leadership potential and professional identity. The speakers are: **Cheryl Schmidt**, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF, ANA-appointed consultant; and **Cheryl Taylor**, PhD, RN, NLN-appointed consultant.

Innovative Teaching Strategies, Tips for Effective Teaching

Review current NCLEX® pharmacology standards with an emphasis on teaching strategies for the classroom. These enjoyable strategies will facilitate memory, application to clinical settings, and successful testing. The speaker is **Loretta Manning**, MSN, RN, GNP, Executive Officer I CAN Publishing, Suwanee, GA, Director Sylvia Rayfield & Associates, Pensacola, FL.

Update from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

Hear about how the NCSBN is transforming the future of regulatory leadership. Faculty will be brought up-to-date with reports on the NCSBN simulation study; the NCSBN evidence-based regulatory model for transitioning new nurses to practice; NCLEX® update; social media guidelines; and alternative programs for treatment rather than discipline. The speaker is **Nancy Spector**, PhD, RN, CAE, Director of Regulatory Innovations, NCSBN.

Coaching and Mentoring Student Nurses

Dr. Marshall discusses the faculty role in coaching and mentoring students as they plan their future career in nursing. Participants will learn how to review résumés; discuss options for academic advancement; describe how to prepare for practice in specialty areas; explain the importance of making a short and long-term career plan; and much more. This valuable information will facilitate faculty involvement in the MidYear Conference Career Counseling Center and is a value-added for assisting students in your school prepare for a very challenging job market. The speaker is **Lois Marshall**, PhD, RN, Nurse Education Consultant, Author, Miami, FL.

Sharing Successful Organization Strategies

This interactive session features representatives from NSNA constituent states and local chapters, as well as members of the 2011-2012 NSNA Board of Directors to share ideas and strategies for success. Topics include: increasing your chapter membership, involving students in leadership activities, applying for NSNA awards, implementing successful fundraising activities, and mentoring students during organizational leadership transitions.

The full student program (\$95 pre-registered) includes a 9-hour NCLEX® RN Review; Image of Nursing Seminar and Dress for Success style show (sponsored by Life Uniform); two panel presentations featuring 16 specialty practice profiles; and several workshops on a variety of career-development topics. Brochures are available by writing to nsna@nsna.org or visiting www.nsna.org. The MidYear Conference offers students and faculty an unequalled educational opportunity at a very reasonable price!