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Fall 2007

Fall Conference:

October 31 – November 2, 2007

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**Donna D. Ignatavicius, MS,
RN, FANE**

President, DI Associates, Inc.
presents

DEVELOPING NCLEX®-STYLE TEST ITEMS: EVALUATING CLIENT DECISION-MAKING

Nationally recognized as an expert in medical-surgical and gerontological nursing, Donna, better known as “Igggy” by faculty and students, has a wealth of experiences as a clinical nurse specialist, educator, and nursing administrator for over 30 years. She has taught at the diploma and baccalaureate levels, and most recently in an associate degree program. Currently she provides continuing education and national presentations for faculty, students, and clinical staff on such topics as critical thinking, clinical evaluation, learning strategies, and medical-surgical nursing through her consulting company, DI Associates, Inc. Donna has presented

over 1400 workshops in 49 states during the past 6 years. Additionally, she is the author of a number of articles and books, including *Medical-Surgical Nursing: Critical Thinking for Collaborative Care, 5th ed. (2006)* with Linda Workman. In September, she was inducted into the prestigious Academy of Nursing Education.

Seminars for Fall Conference:

Thursday morning begins with registration and breakfast followed by announcements from our President – Karen Malloy. Donna Ignatavicius begins her full day presentation with Topics: **Purpose/general trends in testing and test construction; Implications of the test plan on nursing curricula; Faculty test plan development; Tips for writing multiple-choice test items** Lunch will be served from 12:00 – 1pm. Donna will wrap up the afternoon sessions with **Test analysis and revision with item-writing practice session and feedback.** Summary and wrap up from 3:45-4:00pm.

DOOR PRIZES NEEDED!!

**Each School please bring at
least one door prize.**

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Friday morning we have breakfast from 7:00 – 7:45am. Jane and Gie lead the discussion on **Issues of the VN programs** from 8:00 -9:45 am, reconvening at 10:00am with **the BNE presentation**, and conference close out with the TAVNE Business meeting. Wrap up: 12 -12:30
Approximately 8 CEU's may be granted for full attendance.

Registration Times:

Wednesday, October 31 6 - 7p
Thursday, November 1 7 - 8:30a
Friday, November 2 7 - 7:45a

Please abide by these times so the ones assisting with registration can also enjoy the meetings.

See online registration information on TAVNE website

Refund Policy:

All refund requests should be submitted in writing to the Treasurer. The request should include the reason the refund is requested, who to make check payable to (i.e. individual or college), and where the refund check should be mailed.

No refund checks will be prepared or mailed until all outstanding debts/credits for the meeting are tabulated. If refunds would result in TAVNE losing money on the function, no refunds are issued. Members requesting a refund are notified that no refunds would be forthcoming.

Refund of registration fees for meetings (spring convention or fall conference) will be provided at 75% if the member notifies TAVNE 2 weeks prior to the meeting date.

No refund will be made if the above timelines are not met.

Spring Conference

(save the dates)

March 26 – 28, 2008

Sheraton Grand Hotel DFW Airport
Irving

http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=743&EM=VTY_Sl_dfwairport_743_overview

TAVNE Executive Board

Click on “Executive Board” on TAVNE Website homepage

President's Message

By Karen Malloy, MSN, RN

Greetings TAVNE members:

I am so excited to serve as the new president of TAVNE. This is one of the most exciting times for nursing and nursing education. We are being asked to admit more students to our programs and graduate more at the same time. Some of us are already at our maximum for enrollment due to limited classroom space and even more critically limited clinical sites. Do I even need to mention the lack of qualified nursing faculty? At the same time we are being challenged to incorporate innovative teaching strategies and increase the level of technology used in our programs.

As I reflect on the changes in nursing education over the past three years - from the merger of the two boards of nursing to the most recent legislative session

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and the Sunset Review – I began to realize how important this organization is to vocational nursing education and how important it is for each of us to be actively involved in this organization to ensure that vocational nursing education remains at the highest standard across the state. It was then that I realized that my goals for TAVNE are: to continue to offer quality educational workshops for the membership; to promote the organization and expand the membership; to increase opportunities for networking and supporting each other; and to maintain a public presence at state and national organizations to support the education of vocational nurses in Texas.

I would like to take a brief moment here to express my gratitude to Jackie Morgan for her leadership and dedication to this organization during her term as president over the past four years. I look forward to working with each and every one of you. We have a great organization that does take an active role in the education of vocational nurses.

Hope to see you all at the fall conference in Austin.

Karen

Congratulations and Regrets

It is with much happiness and sadness that we announce the relinquishment of the Vice-President office by Karen E., Neighbors. Karen applied for a position with the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners. The position title is Nursing Consultant - Education. She interviewed and was offered the job. She is so excited and honored and looking forward to a needed change in her life. She is now living in Austin.

Thank you Karen for all your hard work as V-P of TAVNE.

Any News or Correspondence?

Share it with TAVNE. Send to:

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