Bridging the Communication Gap Among Healthcare Providers: A Multidisciplinary Approach
Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015
Location: .....................................................Nicholls State University Betty C. Ayo Hall Auditorium
Registration time: ................................8:30 a.m.  Presentation time: ................8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Credit: .....................................................5.5 Contact hours
Speakers: Tony Armstrong, RN, BSN is the Nurse Director on the Medical/Inpatient Oncology and Skilled Nursing Facility and previous House Supervisor at Terranea General Medical Center. Lynee Mistersett, MSN, RN, CN is Clinical Leader/Lean Facilitator, Emergency Department/Onco-Oncology Services at East Jefferson General Hospital.
Jan M. Torres, MS, SL-PCCC is the Program Director at The Rehabilitation Center at Thibodaux Regional Medical Center.
Kristyl Vicknair, LDN, RN, BD is the Marketing Liaison, Home Health of Thibodaux Regional Medical Center.

The goal of this educational activity is to identify current challenges associated with communication among health care providers and to provide an understanding of the importance of excellent communication among all health care providers in promoting safe optimal patient outcomes across the healthcare spectrum. Upon completion of this activity the learner will be able to understand the importance of good communication to safe patient care, concisely summarize a concern about a patient, actively listen to information communicated by other healthcare providers, assertively and professionally communicate concerns about a patient that are not being adequately addressed and to initiate multi-disciplinary professional collaboration from various health care providers. The target audience is RN's and other Healthcare Providers.

Foundation of Nursing Research to Evidence-Based Practice: The Nuts and Bolts
Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015
Location: .....................................................Nicholls State University Betty C. Ayo Hall Auditorium
Registration time: ................................8:30 a.m.  Presentation time: ................8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Credit: .....................................................5.5 Contact hours
Speakers: Lissane Brown, PhD, MPH is the Director of Research and Evaluation at the Louisiana Public Health Institute. Amanda S. Eymard, DNS, APRN, CNE, PMHNBC is an Associate Professor of Nursing at Nicholls State University where she teaches Nursing Research in the BSN Program and she is also faculty in the MSN Program. Dottie Landry, MSN, RN, CN, CER is the Clinical Research Coordinator in the Research Department at Ochsner–Chabert Campus and an Online Instructor teaching Nursing Research at LSU in the RN–BSN Program. Linda Monteleon-Ledet, DNS, APRN, PMHCNS–BC is a Professor of Nursing at Nicholls State University where she teaches Nursing Research in the BSN Program and she is also faculty in the MSN Program.

The goal of this educational activity is to enhance knowledge and ability needed to participate in the research and Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) processes and to discuss opportunities for research and the application and dissemination of EBP. Upon completion of this activity the learner will be able to state the importance of clinical practice through research and dissemination, explain what every Principal Investigator needs to know, distinguish between non-experimental and experimental research designs to promote EBP, describe theoretical and research methodologies, understand research ethics, identify how to use survey design to answer research questions, explain sampling and sample size considerations; describe how to do a literature review, propose innovative strategies to use nursing science to influence health policy and public health, describe theoretical and research methodological approaches, understand research ethics, identify how to use surveys and focus groups to gather information, evaluate qualitative and quantitative research, interpret research findings, and to use community engagement through research. The target audience is RN’s.

PART 1: Managing the School Aged Child: Diabetes Update & PART II: Assessment and Medication Management of Common Psychiatric Disorders in the School Setting
Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016
Location: .....................................................Nicholls State University Betty C. Ayo Hall Auditorium
Registration time: ................................8:30 a.m.  Presentation time: ................8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Credit: .....................................................5.5 Contact hours
Speakers: Paige Robichaux, RN, BSN, CDE, CP is the Disease Management Supervisor at Ochsner–Chabert Campus where she is a Certified Diabetes Educator and a Certified Insulin Pump Trainer.
Seth T. Richardson, PhD is a clinical psychologist with 20 plus years in the Baton Rouge, LA area. He specializes in depression, anxiety, dissociative disorders, and mood disorders with a focus on developmental psychology.

Part I: The goal of this educational activity is to guide school nurses in their understanding of diabetes and its management and to enhance the accuracy to test and control of diabetes care in school. Upon completion of this learning activity the learner will be able to identify new and/or updated resources and references concerning school aged children with diabetes, develop and implement written plans of care for the student with diabetes, understand the role of diet and exercise when caring for the school aged child with diabetes, describe how to efficiently utilize the insulin pump, and discuss the U.S. federal and state laws/regulations and policy change that support and protect students with diabetes in school.

Part II: The goal of this educational activity is to guide school nurses in the assessment process of children with psychological disorders and enhance their knowledge on medication administration in the school setting. Upon completion of this learning the activity the learner will be able to recognize signs and symptoms of psychological disorders, understand when to seek referrals, describe the medication regimen prescribed and develop and implement written plans of care for the student with a psychological disorder. The target audience is nurses who work in the school setting.

Assessing Nutrition, Public Health Issues, & Infection Control: Promoting Health/Wellness From the Hospital to the Community
Thursday March 17, 2016
Location: .....................................................Nicholls State University Betty C. Ayo Hall Auditorium
Registration time: ................................8:30 a.m.  Presentation time: ................8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Credit: .....................................................5.5 Contact hours
Speakers: Sherry Feron-Smith, MS, RDN, LDN is an Instructor of Dietetics at Nicholls State University. Louise Kariong, BSN, RN is the Regional Nurse Manager at Region 3 Office of Public Health Department of Health and Hospitals Raulutt Raudat MD, MS, MPH, & TIN is the state Epidemiologist, Louisiana Office of Public Health. Brilligt L. Scott, PhD, RDN, LDN is the Department Head of Allied Health Sciences and Assistant Professor of Dietetics at Nicholls State University.

The goal of this educational activity is to focus on approaches to improve the health and well-being of both the nurse and their patients through permanent changes to their activity level, diet, environment and public policy. Upon completion of this learning the activity the learner will be able to examine new knowledge and skills in public health, including communicable disease response and environmental health and safety, understand the current policy related to federal and state budgets, explore the role of public health in developing strategies, collaboration and approaches to the implementation of community health priorities, discuss the importance of healthy restaurants and food preparation on health, examine the impact of obesity, nutrition, physical activity, genetics, and metabolism. Has on subclinical disease; clinical disease, healthy populations, and global health, describe advances in measuring diet and physical activity, and identify behavioral strategies to promote and support lifestyle modifications, identify mobile tools and technologies that may facilitate patient engagement and behavioral change and provide patient-centered interventions toward improving health. The target audience is RN’s.

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