

SEEKING CLINICIAN NOMINATIONS

In preparation for the 2008 NLNAC Program Evaluator Forum, we are asking for your assistance in nominating clinicians to participate in the accreditation process as NLNAC program evaluators. The next Forum is scheduled for October 14-15, 2008 in Houston, Texas.

Nominations are being accepted online at www.nlnac.org

EXPERIENCED PROGRAM EVALUATORS NEEDED...

NLNAC is seeking nominations for experienced evaluators to serve as Evaluation Review Panelists for the 2008-2011 term.

The role of the Evaluation Review Panel (ERP) is to ensure that the process of peer evaluation has been carried out in accordance to the NLNAC Accreditation Standards and Criteria. The panelists review the findings of the site visit teams and make recommendations for accreditation status to the Commission.

Nominees should be evaluators who have made multiple site visits to programs seeking initial and continuing accreditation. Nominees selected and approved by the NLNAC Board of Commissioners serve for a three year term at two Panels per year. Please forward nominations to Dominique Dumlao at ddumlao@nlnac.org or call 212.363.5555 ext. 419

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - DR. SHARON J. TANNER



Spring has finally arrived in New York! The air is crisp, the flowers are blooming, and bright colors have appeared on the sidewalks...it is wonderful to put the cold weather behind us. One of the things that I miss most about being on a college campus is the anticipation that this time of year brings as the academic year draws to a close. Graduation is just around the corner for many of the new nurses that will soon enter the workforce!

As many of you prepare for the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the hard work and commitment that you have demonstrated to the thousands of graduates that will soon take their place as professional nurses in the healthcare environment. We here at NLNAC are honored to be your partner in this endeavor and will remain hard at work to fulfill our allegiance to you in ensuring that every accredited program is a quality program.

The first quarter of 2008 has been a very busy one with the publication of the new Standards and Criteria, production of the new Accreditation Manual, successful Self-Study Forums, and many more activities. Best wishes to each of you as you continue the essential role you play as nurse educators in ensuring the health of your communities!



THE NEW 2008 ACCREDITATION MANUAL IS ON ITS WAY - Hot off the presses! The printing of the 2008 Accreditation Manual has just just been completed, and they are on their way by mail to all NLNAC-accredited programs, candidates, and Self-Study Forum attendees. Shortly following the completion of the mailing, the manual will also be available for download through our website. Anyone desiring additional printed copies may purchase online at www.nlnac.org/order.htm or by contacting Yvonne Lopez at ylopez@nlnac.org or 212.812.0367.

ENHANCEMENTS TO NLNAC.ORG TO BETTER SERVE YOU - We are committed to providing the best customer service to our constituents. Plans for the redesigning of the NLNAC website are in development. In the meantime, we are thrilled to introduce new enhancements to our current site dedicated to resources and information on the accreditation processes. Areas in the new 'RESOURCES' menu will be devoted to nurse administrators with helpful information such as *Guidelines for the Preparation of the Self-Study Report* and downloadable forms/applications while other areas will be specific to our program evaluators and include information in preparation for site visits. The release is scheduled for the first week of May. Be sure to visit us online at www.nlnac.org.

THE FORUM IS COMING TO DISNEYWORLD THIS FALL! - NLNAC is excited to announce the addition of a Self-Study Forum this fall due to the overflow of registrations received for the Spring Forums in Chicago and Las Vegas. Many of you requested another forum this year for members of your faculty and staff so they may be more involved in the accreditation processes as well as learn about the new 2008 Standards and Criteria. We are pleased that we are able to accommodate you. **The forum will be held October 6-7, 2008 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida.** To register, visit us online at www.nlnac.org or call Anthony Bugay at 212.812.0372.



INSIDE NLNAC... MEET OUR STAFF



DONNA MARIE MIRANDE - Administrative Assistant - Ms. Mirande joined NLNAC in March of 2007. Her responsibilities include processing of the Site Visitors' Reports and other general administrative duties. Donna was born in Brooklyn, New York and now resides in Maspeth, Queens with her daughter. She enjoys going to the movies, listening to music, bike-riding, and going for long walks along the beach.

DOMINIQUE DURLAO - Assistant to the Executive Director - Ms. Dumlao is the newest member of the NLNAC staff and brings to NLNAC a strong background in customer service/relations. As Assistant to Dr. Tanner, she takes care of the administrative and general office duties associated with the Office of the Executive Director. A devoted wife and mother, Dominique cherishes time with her family, close friends, and cultural activities.

