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ACEN Self-Study Forums

Announcing the Spring 2015 Self-Study Forums

The ACEN Self-Study Forums continue to be highly attended by nurse administrators and faculty of accredited programs. Due to this demand, the Fall 2014 ACEN Self-Study Forum has already filled to capacity.

The Spring 2015 Self-Study Forums will be held in Chicago and Atlanta, and registrations will open on July 14, 2014. Representatives from programs with an upcoming site visit or submitting a Follow-Up Report should plan to attend a Forum.

Visit us online at www.acenursing.org to learn more about the Forums and to register for the Spring Forums.

Schedule of Fees: 2015-2016

The Schedule of Fees for 2015-2016 are available for review in the Resources section under Nursing Programs on the ACEN website. The ACEN staff will be happy to assist you with any questions about the fee schedule.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR - DR. MARY LOU RUSIN



Greetings from Buffalo, New York! It has been a very busy year at the ACEN, full of exciting new ventures and opportunities, and I have a number of new developments to report that showcase the important work of this organization. I am pleased to share that the international accreditation initiative has become a reality with a team of ACEN site visitors traveling across the world to evaluate a nursing program in Saudi Arabia for initial accreditation. What a thrilling time in the history of the organization!

The ACEN also experienced another record year in attendance at the Self Study Forums held in cities across the country in 2013, and the 2014 Self-Study Forums held to date were filled to capacity. The remaining 2014 Forum to be held in October closed this week with over 300 registered attendees! I encourage all those interested in attending a Self-Study Forum

to visit the ACEN website for information about the Spring 2015 Self-Study Forums.

As the interest in ACEN accreditation continues to increase, the agency has been proactive in ensuring a sufficient number of well-prepared program evaluators to conduct the program reviews. To respond to the growing need, 80 new program evaluators representing all program types completed their orientation at the Program Evaluator Forum in February 2014. These peer evaluator volunteers are a key component in supporting the mission of ACEN, and their valuable work is a cornerstone of the organization.

In closing, I want to publicly thank Dr. Sharon Tanner for her legendary leadership of the ACEN over the past ten years. Her grit, determination, knowledge, energy, and perseverance have made the organization what it is today – one of the largest specialized accrediting organizations in the nation and the standard-bearer for excellence in nursing education. Many people, myself included, cannot imagine the ACEN without Dr. Tanner at the helm. But rest assured, the Search Committee and the Board of Commissioners are committed to finding the next leader of the ACEN who can build on the fine foundation and reputation that the ACEN possesses as a result of Dr. Tanner's enduring work. I know you will all join me in thanking Dr. Tanner for all she has done for the ACEN and extend sincere best wishes to her in all of her future endeavors. May she find health and happiness wherever the future takes her!

2014-2015 ELECTIONS OPEN – PLEASE VOTE!

The 2014 elections for the ACEN Board of Commissioners and Nominating Committee opened on June 5, 2014. The ACEN Nominating Committee has prepared a slate of distinguished individuals from nursing education, nursing service, and the public sector for this year's elections. An email was sent to all of the nurse administrators of ACEN-accredited programs from BigPulse, a third-party election vendor that has been contracted to host the online election process. We ask that nurse administrators who have not received this email contact the ACEN offices as soon as possible. The voting will close on July 31, 2014, and the newly elected members will take office on October 1, 2014. We thank you for your thoughtful participation in this important process!



REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR NEW NURSE ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOP



As a result of the overwhelming interest in the ACEN Workshops for New Nurse Administrators, we are happy to announce that an additional Workshop has been scheduled for August 15, 2014, in Atlanta. The Workshop provides attendees with the opportunity to meet with the ACEN professional staff members and receive guidance on accreditation-related issues for their nursing programs. For additional information about the Workshop or to register, please visit our website at www.acenursing.org.