What’s New

PLAN TO TAKE THE CEN AND CFRN EXAMS DURING ENA ANNUAL MEETING 2004!

The Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN) will administer a written version of the CEN exam and CFRN exam during ENA Annual Meeting 2004 in San Diego. Achieving Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN) status is tangible proof of professional development, competence, and commitment to emergency nursing. All emergency nurses are encouraged to become certified by applying to take either the written version of this exam or the onsite computerized exam, offered at over 100 test centers nationwide.

For an application, go to www.ena.org/bcen or call BCEN at (800)900-9659, ext 2630. You may submit your application for both the written exam scheduled for Friday, October 1, 2004, in San Diego or for the computerized exam given at specific onsite locations around the country. If you apply for the written version of the exam, you must include a note that specifically states you wish to register to be tested at ENA Annual Meeting in San Diego. If you register for the computerized exam, you will be given a 90-day window to schedule and complete the exam.

For further information about the CEN exam application process, contact the BCEN office at (800)900-9659, ext 2630 or by E-mail at bcn@ena.org.

REVISIONS TO CATN-II COURSE DIRECTOR REQUIREMENTS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE COURSE DISSEMINATION

During their last meeting, in March, 20-21, 2004, the ENPC/TNCC/CATN-II International Faculty discussed the CATN-II Course Director requirements. Suggestions to improve the dissemination of the course were made and then submitted to the ENA board of directors for review and approval. In May, the ENA Board approved a set of revisions to these requirements.

Effective immediately, the requirement to attend a national program to become a CATN-II Course Director has been eliminated and replaced. The new requirement is that an instructor must successfully co-direct his/her first CATN-II course with an experienced CATN-II Course Director. In addition, CATN-II Course Director candidates are now required to teach in only one course, as opposed to the previous requirement of two courses.

For more information about the revised CATN-II Administrative Guidelines, go to the ENA Web site at www.ena.org.

ENPC INSTRUCTORS—THE THIRD EDITION OF ENPC IS AVAILABLE!

Attention all ENPC instructors! The ENPC update is complete and here is what is happening to date:

A CD containing all materials to facilitate reverification has been sent to instructors who have been identified as validators by their state pediatric chairperson. To ensure that at least one CD is available in each state, a CD will be sent to the state pediatric chairperson or state council president for those states that have not forwarded complete ENA Course Operations information. Any instructor who wishes to use the new ENPC to continue teaching must participate in an update session through their state and reverify his/her Provider status by November 1, 2004. Anyone who has not received the reverification materials but believes they should have, can contact Mary Caplis, Course Operations Specialist at mcaplis@ena.org or by phone at (800) 900-9659, ext 4037.

The Instructor’s Supplement is now available. It will be sent to all instructors who attended the updates in Philadelphia or via the conference call. The slide and paperwork CD is also available and will be sent to Course Directors as they schedule new courses.

Direct access to the latest ENPC Administrative Procedures, the Procedure for Suspension/Revocation of TNCC or ENPC Provider and/or Instructor Status, and the PALS renewal option information is available on the ENA Web site at www.ena.org.

CELEBRATE EMERGENCY NURSES WEEK—OCTOBER 10-16, 2004!

Honor emergency nurses worldwide through ENA’s weeklong celebration of Emergency Nurses Week 2004. Emergency Nurses: A Tradition of Excellence is the theme of this year’s celebration, observed during the week of October 10-16, 2004. Emergency Nurses Day will be observed on Wednesday, October 13, 2004. Make plans for Emergency Nurses Week and order well-deserved gifts in advance—supplies are limited. The 2004 Emergency Nurses Week products catalog and free Emergency Nurses Week poster will be included in the August issue of ENA Connection sent to all ENA members. For more information, see Marketplace at www.ena.org.
HELP CURB TEEN DRINKING AND DRIVING: NEW BROCHURE AVAILABLE FROM THE ENA INSTITUTE FOR INJURY PREVENTION/EN CARE

The ENA Institute for Injury Prevention/EN CARE announces the arrival of the newly updated educational brochure, “The Dangers of Drinking and Driving: True Stories.” It is especially well-suited to audiences of young drivers, featuring true accounts of the devastating impact of motor vehicle crashes on the lives of three teens. It includes up-to-date statistics and need-to-know alcohol facts. For more information, visit Marketplace on the ENA Web site at www.ena.org.

HIDDEN TREASURE THEME WILL HIGHLIGHT THE 2004 ENA FOUNDATION SILENT AUCTION AT ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN DIEGO

This year’s ENA Foundation Silent Auction will be held from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Friday, October 1, at the San Diego Marriott Hotel in conjunction with the 2004 ENA Annual Meeting. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Foundation’s scholarships and research. Donated items will be accepted by mail through September 15, 2004. Maureen Phillips, RN, BSN, CSPI, 5663 Balboa Avenue, Suite 187, San Diego, CA 92111. (m_philli@pacbell.net) or on site. Every donated item must be registered (see www.ena.org for registration forms) by September 15, 2004.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO ATTEND THE NEW KEY CONCEPTS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN SAN DIEGO

Key Concepts in Emergency Department Management is a new seminar that provides ED managers with fundamentals essential to running a first-rate emergency department. This program is built on the 3 pillars of ED management: personnel, finance, and operations. This 1 1/2 -day seminar is being offered at ENA Annual Meeting 2004 in San Diego on October 3-4. The registration deadline is Friday, September 3, 2004. Seminar participants receive 13.2 CECH. Early registration is advised. To register or to receive more information, call (800) 900-9659, ext 4123.

CELL PHONE DONATION PROGRAM PROVIDES A LIFELINE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

The Wireless Foundation’s CALL to PROTECT program invites you to bring unwanted cell phones to ENA’s 2004 Scientific Assembly. The program provides thousands of reprogrammed phones to victims of domestic abuse. Attendees can bring cell phones and any related accessories to the 2004 Scientific Assembly in San Diego and donate them to this outstanding program. All donations are tax deductible. “Donate a Phone” posters displayed at ENA’s 2004 Scientific Assembly in San Diego will give further information.

GRANT AWARD RECEIVED TO CONTINUE STUDY ON RECREATIONAL BOATING INJURIES

The Department of Research and Injury Prevention recently received a grant award from the US Coast Guard to fund its third year of research on recreational boating injuries treated in emergency departments. Data will be used to develop sound public policy and prevention programs. If you are interested in joining the study or learning more about it, visit http://www.ena.org/research/current/.