

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The **4th annual Pathways to Knowledge Nurse Educator Conference** is intended to provide an accessible and affordable forum to explore innovative approaches to common education challenges in the classroom and clinical arenas. While the target audience will be primarily nurse educators in staff development, no matter what your role as an educator, this conference will provide you with new ideas and tools.

Target Audience

Staff Development professionals, nurse educators, faculty, and other nurses interested in staff development and education.

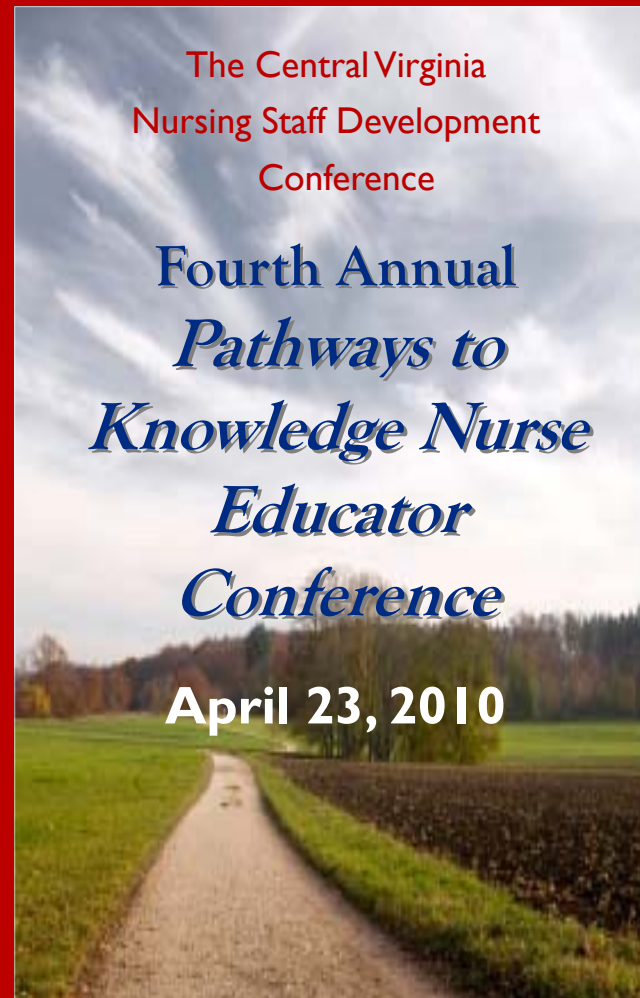
ABOUT GUEST CONFERENCE FACULTY



Julia Aucoin, DNS, RN-BC, CNE

Dr. Aucoin has worked in nursing education and professional development for more than 25 years. As both an academic and a practice educator, she employs creative learning strategies, to make learning fun and make it stick. Dr. Aucoin also maintains a consulting practice in Magnet Recognition, NCLEX performance improvement, and accreditation issues for educators.

She currently holds three academic appointments - Associate Professor of Nursing at Winston-Salem State, Nova Southeastern, and Kaplan Universities, and works with both undergraduate and graduate students. Certified in both Nursing Professional Development (ANCC) and Academic Education (NLN), she has served in a leadership capacity in the development of both exams. Dr. Aucoin's nursing degrees are all from Louisiana State University Health Science Center.



The Central Virginia
Nursing Staff Development
Conference

Fourth Annual Pathways to Knowledge Nurse Educator Conference

April 23, 2010

Sheraton Park South Hotel

9901 Midlothian Turnpike
Richmond, VA 23235
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Co-sponsored by the **Central Virginia Nursing Staff Development Organization (CVNSDO)** and **Education & Professional Development Department** at the VCU Health System



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Nurse Educator Conference April 23, 2010

Evidence-Based Practice

**In Nursing Professional Development:
What To Teach & How to Teach It**

A Primer on Evidence Based Practice

We will explore the differences between Best Practice, Practice Based Evidence, Evidence Based Practice, and Education Research as a framework for our day. Differentiating these terms and how they apply to Nursing Professional Development practice is critical to our specialty.

EBP for the NPD

We will discuss strategies for infusing evidence into teaching, working with the EBP model, teaching skills to direct-care givers, and clarifying the difference between performance improvement, evidence-based practice, and nursing research.

EBP in NPD

What is the evidence behind how we teach? How do we know we are using the best strategies? What does the literature tell us about the practice of Nursing Professional Development and its effectiveness?

Where Do We Go from Here?

Creating our preferred future in NPD is important to the specialty, and primarily to our learners. Knowing the terms, strategies, and literature is a beginning; setting a direction for the future is our responsibility. We will create individual and departmental action plans based on your identified gaps throughout the day.

6.0 CE Contact Hours will be awarded for full attendance at this conference. The VCU Health System's Department of Education & Professional Development & the VCU School of Nursing are approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the Virginia Nurses Association, an approver of continuing education by the American Nurses' Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.



Conference Location



The conference will be held at Richmond's Sheraton Park South Hotel, with its beautiful landscaped grounds. The hotel is conveniently located 20 minutes from the Richmond International Airport (RIC), and 15 minutes from Richmond's lively downtown.

Hotel Accommodations

To arrive rested for this great conference, consider staying overnight at the Sheraton Park South. A block of rooms has been reserved at the rate of **\$92** per night. This rate is good only till April 1 or as soon as the block is filled. In order to receive this special rate, please contact the hotel directly at (804) 323-1144 and let them know that you are attending the Nurse Educator Conference (VCU Health System).

Americans with Disabilities Act

The VCU Health System is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, ethnic origin or disability. If special accommodation is needed, please contact us at (804) 828-0418. Every attempt will be made to facilitate your participation in this Conference.



Questions

Email CEforNursing@mcvh-vcu.edu, Fax (804) 828-6479, or Phone (804) 828-0418.

Mail registration form and payment to:



Pathways To Knowledge Conference, VCU Health System, Education & Professional Development Box 980073, Richmond, VA 23298-0073.

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 9, 2010

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE — MARCH 22, 2010

- \$80. Early Bird (CVNSDO Member/VCU staff)
- \$110. Early Bird — (Non Member)

AFTER MARCH 22, 2010

- \$90. Regular (CVNSDO Member/VCU staff)
- \$120. Regular — (Non Member)

NOTE: No Refunds after April 9, 2010.

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Fees cover program materials, CE contact hours credit, parking, continental breakfast, break refreshments, and lunch. **NOTE:** Minimum and maximum numbers for attendance at the Conference have been established, and we reserve the right to substitute speakers/topics, or cancel if necessary.

Cancellation Policy: Full refund minus \$15 processing fee given for WRITTEN CANCELLATIONS postmarked by **April 9, 2010**. Due to the popularity of this Conference, we urge you to register early. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.