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National Volunteer Week | April 21 – 27, 2013

Special Thank You to GAPNA's Volunteers!

GAPNA's Board of Directors would like to take a moment during National Volunteers Week to thank all of the volunteers who serve on GAPNA's many Chapters, Committees, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), and Focus Groups. Our volunteers are responsible for planning and implementing many of GAPNA's fine programs and educational opportunities.

Click here to read a more detailed description of our [Committees](#) and [Special Interest Groups](#) and [click here to volunteer](#).

Reminder: Foundation Grant Award Applications Due

Applications are due May 14, 2013. Grants are awarded in September. [Click here to download application](#).

General Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be a current GAPNA member. If you are not a current member, please include a GAPNA membership

Upcoming Events

Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Annual Conference

"Enhancing Healthcare in Older Adults"
April 26 & 27, 2013

Marriott St. Petersburg
12600 Roosevelt Blvd. North, St
Petersburg, FL

7 Contact Hours Available

[Download the registration brochure](#)
[Register online](#)

New England Chapter

"Antipsychotics: Appropriate Use & Dose Reduction & GNP: Consensus Model/Scope of Practice"

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

5:30pm to 9:00pm

Chateau Restaurant

95 Turnpike Road, Westboro, MA

Speakers: Dr. Scott Gonzales
(Community Health Link) and Laurie

Talarico (Board of Registration in
Nursing)

RSVP: Francisca Adams at

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- application and fee with the grant application.
- Members may apply for more than one grant.
- Awards are limited to one per person per year.

The proposal must be relevant to the nursing care of older adults.

- Evidence-based: examines and/or provides support for decision making in clinical practice.
- Outcomes based: designed to measure and improve health outcomes for older adults.
- Time limited: Grants must be used during the 12 months following award.
- Expense limited: Grant funds must be used strictly for expenses related to the proposed research.

The reviewers will evaluate the application using the following criteria:

- Overall impact
- Innovation
- Significance
- Approach
- Investigator
- Environment

Grants/Awards Available

1. Original Research
2. Clinical Project

Decisional Capacity Online Curriculum

Rush University Medical Center and the ABA Commission on Law and Aging have released an interactive educational curriculum on assessing the capacity of older adults, funded by The Retirement Research Foundation. The course is aimed at physicians but is valuable and useful as well for other health care clinicians, students and interested professionals.

The curriculum features six modules – the importance of evaluating patients' capacities; key principles and practices; the evaluation process and content; specific capacities and situation; when to conduct an evaluation yourself and when to refer, and working with courts in guardianship proceedings. The curriculum also includes videos, a pocket reference card, a glossary, and a resource list, and is downloadable.

The next session opens May 13, 2013. [Click here for more information](#) or contact Michelle Hochwert at 312-942-0417 .

Webinar May 2nd on "Person Centered Care"

Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes is sponsoring a webinar on "Person Centered Care" which will be held on May 2nd from 3:15pm – 4:30pm ET. This webinar will cover the details of the new Advancing Excellence Person-Centered Care goal and tools.

This session will be of great interest to all homes and will be especially helpful for administrators, social services and activities staff. Please sign on ten minutes early due to the large number of participants.

Space is limited — [click here to register](#). If you have any questions, please contact Carol Scott at 816-830-0094.

NEW 2013-2014 ANP/GNP Student Scholarships Available

GAPNA is happy to announce that new student scholarships (up to \$5,000) are available. Some of the criteria candidates must meet include:

- Must be a full-time student matriculated or matriculating into one of the following programs:
 - Adult/Gero Primary Care NP
 - Adult/Gero Acute Care NP
 - Adult/Gero Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Must plan to work in the field of nursing focusing on the older adult
- Must be a GAPNA member in good standing (student membership is \$40)

Application submission deadline is June 15, 2013. [Click here](#) for more information or to download the Scholarship Application.

GAPNA Awards for Excellence

GAPNA will recognize the outstanding contributions of APNs by conferring five National Awards for Excellence. They include: Clinical Practice; Leadership; Research; Education; and Community Service.

We implore you to please take a moment to consider nominating an APN that demonstrates excellence in the care of older adults. These prestigious awards are open to the membership, who may be nominated or may self-nominate for one or more categories. All application deadlines are June 1, 2013, and submission details can be found [here](#).

The award recipients will be notified by July 15th and recognized at the Awards Dinner on Friday evening during the Annual Dinner in Chicago, IL at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers from September 18-21, 2013. All recipients are encouraged to attend.

Thank you for taking the time to submit a brief letter about a deserving peer, employee, faculty member, student, or yourself. We look forward to hearing from you!

GAPNA's Awards Committee

mail such as this one with important news and information relevant to gerontological nursing. If you wish to update your email address, please do so by [editing your profile](#) on the GAPNA website. If you would like to unsubscribe from the GAPNA eAlert, [click here](#).

The Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) is the organization of choice for advanced practice nurses who want to pursue continuing education in gerontological care and who seek peer support from experienced clinicians.

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