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## *LTC Experts Needed as Freelance Consultants*

Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, a division of Wolters Kluwer Health and a leading publisher for practicing nurses, is searching for Long Term Care (LTC) experts to serve as freelance contributors for an exciting new project. The project involves adding specific LTC nursing information to existing adult disease and condition entries in *Lippincott Advisor (LA)*. Deb Bakerjian, Chair of the GAPNA Foundation, will serve as the Clinical Editor for the project. An honorarium will be paid for all completed work.

[Click here](#) to find out more about this opportunity.

## *NHSC Loan Repayment Program is OPEN*

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) has announced that their **2014 NHSC Loan Repayment Program** application cycle is now open. Please note that all applications will need to be submitted no later than **March 20th at 7:30 pm ET**. The NHSC offers loan repayment assistance to support qualified health care providers who choose to bring their skills where they're most needed.

There are three (3) programs currently available: **Loan Repayment** (which is open to licensed primary care medical, dental, and mental and behavioral health providers who are employed or seeking employment at approved sites; **Students to Service** (which accepts

## Career Opportunity

### Chattanooga, Tennessee PACE Program Seeking APRN

National PACE Programs exists to coordinate and provide all needed preventive, primary, acute and long term care services so that older individuals can continue living in the community. The PACE Program with Alexian Brothers Community Services is seeking an APRN to join our team of healthcare providers. This position is primarily weekdays at a minimum of 40 hrs/wk

Requirements: APRN TN license, with two years' experience working as a nurse practitioner, with one year in geriatric care required. Must possess excellent patient care skills, along with collaborative communication and interpersonal skills. Proficiency with electronic medical records desired.

To find out more about this opportunity or to submit a resume, please contact Joy Randall, Director of Human Resources,  
[jrandall@alexianbrothers.net](mailto:jrandall@alexianbrothers.net).

## Upcoming Events

### Chicagoland Chapter Meeting "Clinical Management of Prostate Cancer"

Speaker: Matt Galocy, APN  
Wednesday - February 12, 2014 @  
6:00pm

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital  
Contact President Valerie  
Matthiesen at [vjmatth@aol.com](mailto:vjmatth@aol.com) for  
more information.

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students in their last year of medical school and provides tuition and loan repayment assistance. In return, students commit to serve in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) with the greatest need; and **State Loan Repayment** (which provides cost-sharing grants to more than 30 states to operate their own loan repayment programs for primary care providers working in HPSAs).

The NHSC will be hosting webcasts and conference calls from 8:00pm - 9:30pm ET on the following dates to address questions.

**Webcast:** Wed., January 29

**Conference Call:** Wed., February 5 and February 12

**Applications due: March 20**

To read more about these programs, please [click here](#).

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## ***Did You Attend GAPNA's 2013 Annual Conference?***

If you answered yes, please check out our collage of photographs from the event. Perhaps you will find yourself among some of the audience members?

[Click here](#) to see the collage.

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## ***Delaware Valley GAPNA Chapter — Scholarship***

The Delaware Valley Chapter of the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) seeks to recognize two outstanding students currently enrolled in an advanced practice nursing (APN) program. This award is for a student who exemplifies the goals of GAPNA by demonstrating a commitment to gerontological nursing and **improving the care of older adults**.

The award and a \$500.00 check will be presented at the DE Valley GAPNA Meeting March 13, 2014. Winners must accept scholarship award at the meeting.

**Deadline: March 3, 2014.** All materials must be submitted by this date.

[Click here](#) to download the application and eligibility requirements.

### **Legislative Corner**

## ***Call for Action - DME Ruling - Tell Your Story***

### **"Multidisciplinary Approaches Across the Palliative Care Continuum"**

Keynote Address: Linda Emanuel, MD, PhD

Saturday - March 22, 2014

7:30 am to 5:00 pm

Historic Academy of Medicine in Atlanta, GA

Registration & Conference information at

[www.georgiagapna.org](http://www.georgiagapna.org)

### **Chicagoland Annual Meeting**

**Annual Dinner Meeting**

Thursday - May 15, 2014

Location TBD

Contact President Valerie

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### **Online Library**



### **Antipsychotics and CMS Behavioral Health Initiative**

*(session captured at the GAPNA 2013 Annual Conference)*

### **Facebook**

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A bill has been introduced by Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA) in light of the “burdensome” rule regarding the September 9, 2013 face-to-face ruling by the CMS. **Your action is needed.** Please contact your representative and advise them about the bill H.R. 3833 (<http://thomas.gov>). If passed this bill would allow NPs to certify that the required face-to-face assessment with their patient has occurred when ordering DME products and no other provider would need to be involved. In addition, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) is requesting that you email them at [governmentaffairs@aanp.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@aanp.org) letting them know of any suppliers that are not filling DME orders provided by NPs so they can track them.

[Click here](#) to read the statement released by CMS dated December 3, 2013.

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## ***Report on NONPF Special Conference***

The leadership of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) called a special meeting of nurse practitioner (NP) educators in Washington, DC, on November 8-9, 2013, with a purpose of facilitating a dialogue on common vision for NP education and competency based NP education. GAPNA was represented by Barbara Harrison (Chair-Education Committee).

Over a two-day program, close to 200 NP faculty members identified concerns about clinical education (how are clinical hours measured?) and described gaps in sustaining quality NP education. There were informal discussions and voting on proposed actions (Example: 96% of the audience members identified a need for a definition of competency-based education for NPs). It was clear that many different definitions existed which was leading to confusion on measurement.

The faculty discussion during the conference provided the NONPF Board with input on what NP educators would like to support their efforts to maintain quality NP programs and on how forthcoming editions of the Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs may need to evolve to support NP education models for the future.

[Click here](#) to read Barbara Harrison's report. To download Executive Summary, [click here](#).

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