



Dallas County ENA 2nd Q Newsletter 2023

DCENA Offer of Support to a Local Emergency Department

By Christine Russe – 2023 DCENA President

In early May, the City of Allen suffered a tragic event at the Allen Mall. Multiple shooting victims were sent to a local emergency department. DCENA reached out to the hospital and offer support to the emergency department staff, which included DCENA members. The hospital and emergency department deeply appreciated the offer of support. The following week Josh Davis, the Texas ENA President at the time, and Cindy Allison, DCENA Member, went to visit the staff to show DCENA's support. This opportunity allowed DCENA to offer support and inform the ED staff of ENA, Texas ENA and DCENA benefits and resources.



Pictured: Right Josh Davis, Texas ENA President at time of picture centered Medial Center of McKinney Emergency Department Staff, Left, Cindy Allison, DCENA Member

**2023 DCENA
Chapter
Meetings
Dates:**

January 10

March 14

May 9

*(Special Election:
2023 President- elect)*

July 13 - Virtual

September 12

*(2024 Officer
Elections)*

November 9

*Location:
Texas Health Plano
Sunflower Room –*

TNCC and ENPC Updates

By Jim Sullivan MSN, RN, CEN
Trauma and Pediatric Committee Chair

Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) and Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course (ENPC) are two courses offered by Emergency Nurse Association. TNCC prepares nurses to systematically care for adult trauma patient. ENPC prepares nurses to systematically care for ill or injured child. Both courses are interactive and filled with valuable information and resources to better prepare nurses to care for these specialized patient populations.

Currently TNCC is in its 8th edition, preparing nurses for life-threatening cases when every second counts. This course provides knowledge, critical thinking skills, and training needed to provide high-quality trauma nursing care. This course is taught by qualified nurses, prepares learners with the knowledge, critical thinking skills and training needed to provide high-quality, trauma nursing care. After completing this course, learners will be able to properly assess and implement evidence-based interventions to improve outcomes for patients (Emergency Nurse Association, 2023).

TNCC, 8th Edition, supports your clinical skill development! The latest edition offers exciting new features and a dynamic course structure for engaging learning.

Features include:

- Virtual learning module
- Interactive teaching strategies
- Electronic, open-book testing - No more test anxiety!
- Updated evidence-based provider manual
- One-and-a-half-day course
- 18.25 CNE hours
- Virtual courses available

Course Format

A variety of learning methodologies are included to cater to every learning style, including:

- Manual
- Online modules
- Simulation
- Instructor-led classroom discussions and skill stations

Prerequisites

- Participants must be a registered nurse to receive verification.
- Licensed practical nurses and paramedics are eligible to attend all portions of the course and obtain CNE hours, but are not eligible for provider status verification.

(www.ena.org/enau/educational-offerings/tncc)

ENPC, 6th edition, is now available and classes are being held currently. Instructors are teaching ENPC, 6th Edition, with the new provider manual that is patient-presentation based, focusing on recognizing normal and abnormal findings and appropriate interventions. The course is designed to provide the core-level pediatric knowledge and skills needed to properly assess and implement evidence-based interventions to improve outcomes for this high-risk patient population (Emergency Nurse Association, 2023).

Features include:

- The latest pediatric emergency nursing practice recommendations
- Systematic assessment and application of care
- Education that can be applied to every pediatric patient
- Virtual courses available

Course Format

A variety of learning methodologies are included to cater to every learning style, including:

- Manual
- Online modules
- Simulation
- Instructor-led classroom discussions and skill stations

Prerequisites

- Participants must be a registered nurse who possesses a current unrestricted nursing license to receive verification.
- Licensed practical nurses and paramedics are eligible to attend all portions of the course and obtain CNE hours, but are not eligible for provider status verification.

(www.ena.org/enau/educational-offerings/enpc)

For up to date class information please visit
enau.ena.org/Public/Clients/ENA/TNCCENPCCourseList.aspx.

Please let me know if you have any questions by emailing me at jimmsn2014@gmail.com

Operation Nightingale: Fraudulent Nursing Diploma Uncovered

By Philomena MIsretta – Nursing Practice Chair

Nursing has always been regarded as a rewarding career. And at the height of the pandemic in 2020, nurses and other healthcare workers were highly praised for their efforts and dedication to a selfless task.

Nurses around the globe were declared to be the superheroes and the heart of health care, doing whatever it took to combat the devastation impacted during a global crisis. Some nurses packed their bags and left their families to help in highly demanding areas, while others stayed locally and did their best to support their families and communities. So, who would not want to become a nurse at such an unparalleled time? A profession that is valued and displayed across the world.

A few individuals decided to take on nursing as a new career and join an amazing force of professionals in the healthcare community. Except, some chose to take a route that does not measure up to the ethical values and moral principles in nursing. In January 2023, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG), the FBI, and multi-state coordinated law enforcement launched Operation Nightingale to apprehend individuals engaged in the fraudulent nursing diploma scheme that sold over 7,600 fake diplomas by six nursing schools in the state of Florida.

The schools enrolled students from several states, including Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Texas, and provided them with bogus diplomas so that they could take the national nursing board exams, which would allow them to be licensed as registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs), and vocational nurses (VNs) in various states.

The six Florida schools have all been closed and are under investigation by the Florida Commission on Independent Education and the Department of Justice. However, many individuals went on to sit for their licensing exam in their home state as well as Florida. Once licensed, they were able to obtain jobs as nurses across the U.S.

State boards across the nation have begun to identify individuals who obtained fraudulent nursing credentials and file formal charges. The Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) released twenty-three names in connection with the phony degree scheme. The names are released publicly on the TBON website. The list is reported to be updated frequently as more individuals are identified. Other states have also begun to identify these individuals on their board websites, as well as hospital organizations taking action to bring these individuals to account.

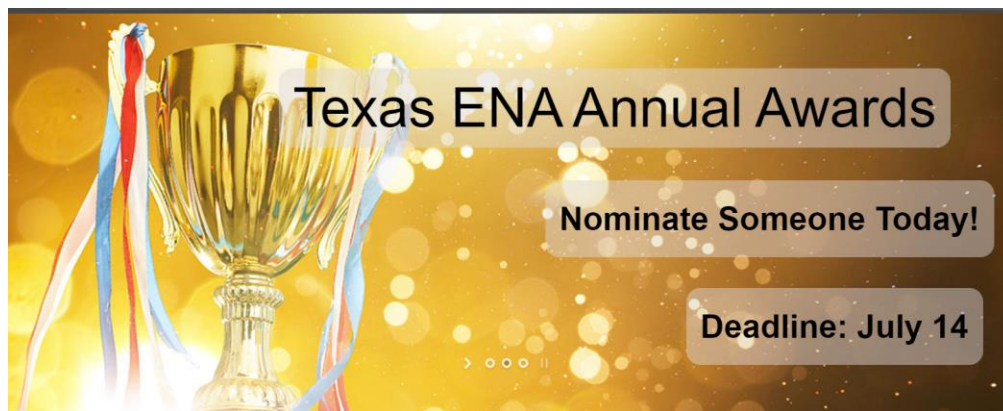
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<https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/fraudulent-nursing-diploma-scheme-leads-federal-charges-against-25-defendants>

<https://www.op.nysed.gov/operation-nightingale-and-florida-nursing-education-questions-answers>

Federal authorities identified the following six (6) schools that allegedly awarded fraudulent documents to students during the periods specified below:

1. Siena College/Siena College of Health, Lauderhill (10/2003 to 9/2022)
2. Sacred Heart International Institute, Fort Lauderdale (8/2017 to 9/2021)
3. Quisqueya School of Nursing LLC, ("Sunshine Academy") Boynton Beach (10/2016 to 12/2020)
4. Med-Life Institute WPB LLC, West Palm Beach (10/2016 to 12/2020)
5. Quisqueya Health Care Academy, LLC, Lake Worth (10/2016 to 12/2020)
6. Palm Beach School of Nursing, LLC, West Palm B



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Dallas County ENA Chapter Meeting

Virtual meeting only

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (business meeting)

DCENA Board meeting at 6:00 PM

Join us virtually via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88008201323?pwd=K1hmSnR1MDN1QTlOVXpSNG1iMTN0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 880 0820 1323

Passcode: 774571

Questions: dallascountyena@gmail.com

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We will be virtual for the summer and back in-person + virtual in September

(September 12th meeting: 2024 DCENA Officer Elections)

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