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AHNA President Peggy Burkhardt and President-Elect Carole Ann Drick to Present a Free Two Hour Continuing Nursing Education Program Titled “Introduction to Holistic Nursing” in Topeka, Kansas

The American Holistic Nurses Association is sponsoring a free 2 hour continuing nursing education program called “Introduction to Holistic Nursing” on Wednesday October 29th from 5-7pm in the Marvin Auditorium, Room 101AB, at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library at 10th and Washburn.

This program is for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. Attendees will get the opportunity to listen and speak with AHNA President Peggy A. Burkhardt PhD, FNP, AHN-BC and President-Elect Carole Ann Drick PhD, RN, AHN-BC. Registered Nurses will earn up to 2 hours of CNE credit for attending. Accreditation will be given after sign in and full attendance; no pre-registration required. The AHNA is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

About the Presenters

Peggy A. Burkhardt PhD, FNP, AHN-BC is the President of the American Holistic Nurses Association. She is an Associate Professor Emerita at the West Virginia University School of Nursing, Charleston Division. She has previously taught BSN, MSN and Doctoral nursing students. She has been practicing holistic nursing for over twenty-five years. She is a Family Nurse Practitioner and received her Ph.D. in Nursing from the University of Miami, in Miami, Florida; her Masters in Nursing from the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York and her Bachelors of Nursing from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. She was named The American Holistic Nurses’ Association 1999 Holistic Nurse of the Year and the same year was named the Outstanding Graduate Faculty by the West Virginia University School of Nursing. She currently lives in West Virginia and has published numerous articles and books related to Holistic Nursing.

Carole Ann Drick PhD, RN, AHN-BC currently serves as the President-Elect for the American Holistic Nurses Association. In June 2015 she will take office as the AHNA President. Her passion for quality of life began with 12 years as a labor and delivery nurse and natural childbirth educator early in her career. She then entered academia for 10 years only to return to a hands-on practice as Director of Conscious Awareness Inc., in Austintown, Ohio. She has authored or co-authored three books and numerous professional publications as well as four meditation CDs. Carole Ann with co-author, Lynn Keegan, authored End of Life: Nursing Solutions for Death with Dignity (2011) which received two AJN Book of the Year awards. After being on graduate faculties of two large universities, she developed and implemented a new BSN program based on holistic principles and adult teaching/learning strategies that received full initial NLN accreditation. Her passion for quality of life presently focuses on end of life. She knows holistic health is a vital component of deepening consciousness, and assists professionals and clients using many natural therapies and innovative stress coping methods.
About AHNA

At its founding in 1981, the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) adopted as its primary mission the advancement of holistic healthcare by increasing awareness and promoting education as well as personal community-building among nurses, other healthcare professionals and the public. This non-profit professional membership organization is the definitive voice for holistic nursing for registered nurses and other holistic healthcare professionals around the world. Holistic nursing focuses on integrating traditional, complementary and alternative treatment opportunities to improve the physical, mental, emotional and relational health of the whole person.

AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to a vibrant and expanding universe of healthcare professionals. AHNA currently services almost 4,500 members through 143 local chapters/networks in the U.S. and abroad.

Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

The American Holistic Nurses Association’s Education Provider Committee is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center Commission (ANCC) on Accreditation.

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