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American Holistic Nurses Association Elects Deborah Shields to Board of Directors

Deborah Shields, RN, PhD, CCRN, AHN-BC, QTTT was elected to the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) Board of Directors for a two-year term. She will be inducted into the position at the 36th annual conference to be held in Bonita Springs, Florida on June 1st.

About Deborah Shields

Deborah Shields RN, PhD, CCRN, AHN-BC, QTTT, began her nursing career as an LPN earned her PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration focus in Holistic Nursing at Union Institute & University in Cincinnati. Deb is an Associate Professor of Nursing at Capital University, a staff nurse at Doctors Hospital OhioHealth in perioperative care and has a private practice as a Therapeutic Touch Therapist and teacher. She has enjoyed numerous opportunities to deepen her holistic practice through attending and presenting at workshops, conducting research, publishing, and sharing relationships with others through networking and membership in professional associations.

Deb has been involved with AHNA since the early 80’s. Currently, she is a member of the AHNA Education team, serving as the Nurse Peer Review Leader of the Approver Unit and the Nurse Planner on the 2017 Conference Committee, the AHNA representative to the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation (AHNCC) Consensus Model Task Force, a member of the NANDA-I Task Force that is resubmitting the Nursing Diagnosis related to Energy and a member of the 2017 Holistic Nursing Scope & Standards of Practice Work Group. Deb belongs to a number of other professional associations including, Therapeutic Touch International Associates, the International Association for Human Caring, the American Nurses Association, the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, Sigma Theta Tau International, and the Institute of Noetic Sciences.

On the Capital University campus, she serves as a faculty in both the pre- and post-licensure program and is the facilitator for the American Holistic Nursing Credentialing Corporation endorsement of the Capital University Nursing programs. Deb was instrumental in the initiative for the educational partnership and faculty/learner exchange program with Guangxi Medical University in Nanning, China.
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 becoming 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.

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