American Holistic Nurses Association Recognizes Noreen Frisch PhD, RN, FNI, FAAN as Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award

Noreen Frisch PhD, RN, FNI, FAAN of Victoria, BC Canada was awarded the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award at the 37th annual conference in Rancho Mirage, California June 5-June 10th, 2017. The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to celebrate the outstanding lifetime achievement in the field of holistic nursing; a way of acknowledging all the holistic nursing work accomplished through sustained participation in AHNA and advancing the specialty practice of holistic nursing.

About Noreen

Noreen Frisch PhD, RN, FNI, FAAN of Victoria, BC Canada, has been a member of AHNA since 1985, making her a Lifetime member. From the very beginning, Noreen has been significantly involved in advocating holistic nursing and participation in AHNA. She served as the AHNA President from 1997-1999 and has been an active member on the Council of Elders since her term was completed in 1999. Continuing her leadership, she has served on the Board of Directors of the American Holistic Nursing Credentialing Corporation, AHNCC in 2002-2008 and 2016-present; Chaired the Committee on Ethical, Social and Environmental Issues for nearly a decade and Chaired the 2001 Conference Committee. Noreen was a major contributor to the development of holistic nursing and certification as the co-chair on the Task Force to Develop Standards of Holistic Nursing Practice, as well as helping to develop the Core Values illustrated in the first edition of the Scopes & Standards of Practice.

She was an editor for the Beginnings magazine for five years, the editor for the special Spring 2002 issue of the Journal of Holistic Nursing on ethics, and the editor of the June 2007 issue of Nursing Clinics in North America. Noreen has also been a Peer Reviewer for the Journal of Holistic Nursing since 1989, nearly 30 years.

Noreen herself is highly published. Her publications include a variety of topics ranging from holistic nursing education and practice to theory and research. Not only did she contribute to the creation of standards in holistic nursing practice that was published, but she has also been featured in many other publications, including Holistic Nursing Practice, Realities of Canadian Nursing (3rd Edition), Journal of...

Noreen’s most recent accomplishment came as she chaired the Task Force on NANDA-International Nursing Diagnosis related to the human energy field. From 2013 to 2017 this international task force published a position paper on the diagnosis of “disturbed energy field”, created a statement on AHNA’s need for a diagnosis related to energy work and conducted a study on the use of energy-based modalities in nursing practice. The task force also prepared a concept analysis of the “human energy field” and prepared and submitted a full proposal to NANDA-I for a revision of the original diagnosis of “disturbed energy field” to become “imbalanced energy field”.

The task force’s proposal was accepted by NANDA-I in early 2017 and is a major contribution for supporting the work of holistic nurses who practice energy based modalities. As part of her chair position, Noreen reached out internationally; she presented the early work on the diagnosis revision at the Association for Common European Nursing Diagnosis, Interventions and Outcomes (ACENDIO) meetings in Switzerland in 2015. There she was able to discuss with European colleagues who would ultimately be part of the NANDA-I membership voting on the decision to accept the diagnosis revision. Finally the proposal was accepted in early 2017, largely due to her diligence and persistence, and the team work between her US and international colleagues.

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 approximately 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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