Cross Straits Nursing Conference

Four ICN NNAs, including the Taiwan Nurses Association, the Chinese Nursing Association, the College of Nursing, Hong Kong, and the Nurses Association of Macau, have jointly hosted the annual Cross-Straits Nursing Conference since 2014 as a platform for promoting academic and research exchange among nurses in the Greater China region. Each year, the TWNA allocates funds to sponsor its members to attend this conference in order to encourage the sharing of research outcomes. From the 3rd to 5th of December 2015, 138 TWNA members, led by TWNA President Kwue-Yun Wang, attended the 2015 Cross-Straits Nursing Conference in Hong Kong, where they made 136 presentations (21 oral and 115 poster) highlighting the strong research-related capabilities and accomplishments of Taiwanese nurses.

Evidence-Based Concepts and Curriculum Design in PhD/DNS Programs

In December 2015, TWNA invited Dr. Rick Wiechula from Australia to share his perspective on the topic of Evidence-Based Concepts and Curriculum Design in PhD/DNS Programs. The conference focused on how to apply evidence-based concepts in the design of PhD/DNS programs in order to enhance the quality of nursing education and create better nursing and healthcare outcomes for patients.

Renewal of License

The Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW) announced an amendment to the “Regulations Governing the Registration of Nurses for Practice and Continuing Education” on December 30, 2015. The continuing-education credits required for license renewal every 6 years have been adjusted downward, from 150 to 120. Rules regarding the application of online-learning and correspondence-course credits toward license renewal remain unchanged, with a maximum ceiling of 60 credits allowed for each.

TWNA Center for Excellence

TWNA established the Center for Excellence in January 2015. In order to implement the organization and functions of this center, “The Regulation Governing the Establishment” was amended and five functional groups were set up on November 14, 2015. The five groups under the center include the Elites Database Group, Leadership Program Group, Nursing Innovation Group, Nursing Policy Group, and Knowledge Translation Group. The missions of the Center for Excellence include: (1) Creating a nursing experts databank and recommending qualified nurses to participate in international organizations and in international collaborative-research projects, nursing education programs, and collaborative clinical projects; (2) Fostering international nursing leaders; (3) Setting the framework for TWNA policy-driven, mission-driven, and integrated research projects; (4) Integrating the nationwide Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) and driving the promotion and expansion of evidence-based care; (5) Promoting nursing-policy-related formulation and advocacy work; (6) Formulating the themes/topics of international conferences; and (7) Helping train nursing leaders in countries other than Taiwan.

The new TWNA Center for Excellence is dedicated to strengthening the development of the nursing profession in Taiwan and to amplifying the positive influence of the professional nursing community on policymaking at the national level. Furthermore, the center will help the TWNA raise its profile and involvement internationally as Taiwan’s global gateway for world-class nursing experience and expertise.

The Development of OSCE in Taiwan

To enhance the quality of teaching of faculty members and the clinical-practice competency of nursing students, the government is providing strong funding support to several nursing schools in Taiwan to create Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) facilities. The Ministry of Education is currently considering the feasibility of including OSCE as a criterion for taking the National Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses, as is currently the case with the National Licensure Examination for Physicians. Responding to this need, TWNA facilitated communications between nursing organizations and the government and collected opinions with the goals of harnessing the manpower and budget to launch the projects and standards necessary to establish OSCE facilities. Many challenges and discussions lie ahead before Taiwan will have a mature OSCE system.
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The Nightingale Nursing Leadership Program 2015

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Statement for Taiwan Presidential and Legislators Candidates 2016-2019

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