



Getting Started on the Road

Directions to a Successful Career in Occupational Health

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Naperville, IL and Springfield, IL **One Workshop, Two Locations**

Friday, March 30, 2012
8:30 am to 5:30 pm



Getting Started on the Road, AOHP's flagship educational program for occupational health nurses new to the field, is coming to a location near you! This comprehensive, informative course is presented through workshop, audio and video conference sites across the nation by teams of knowledgeable, experienced occupational health nurses. In just one day, participants gain valuable resources and helpful tools – including the latest edition of the *Getting Started* resource manual in CD format – to start on the path to a longstanding career in occupational health.

Cost (Early Bird): Member \$295; Non-member \$335 (Includes Box Lunch)

Early Bird Deadline: March 12, 2012

Cost after March 12, 2012: Member \$345; Non-member \$385 (Includes Box Lunch)

➔ **Workshop will be presented at:**

IHA Headquarters
1151 East Warrenville Rd.
P.O. Box 3015
Naperville, IL 60566
630-276-5400

➔ **Participants may also attend thru video and audio conference at:**

IHA Springfield Office
700 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62704
217-541-1150

Site Coordinator: Clint C. Parram, MPH 630-276-5646 cparram@ihastaff.org

Continuing Nursing Education: This workshop offers 8.0 contact hours (9.6 for Iowa nurses).

Inquisit is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the PA State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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You must attend the full 8-hour course for CNE credit. An evaluation form must be completed to receive the certificate.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Describe how the occupational health professional interacts in the healthcare facility's organizational structure.
2. Discuss areas of medical-legal confidentiality in occupational health.
3. Identify the federal, state and local regulatory requirements as related to job placement, physical hazards, and biological and chemical exposures.
4. State current infection control practices related to infectious disease.
5. Identify strategies to utilize health teaching in infection control and safety.
6. Describe the effectiveness of case management in loss control.
7. Explain how to communicate the value of an occupational health professional service and continuous quality improvement.

SPEAKER BIOS

Mary Bliss, RN COHN

Mary Bliss, a Certified Occupational Health Nurse, has been employed at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria, IL since October 1987. Methodist is a central Illinois hospital with approximately 3,000 employees, including staff at 52 off-site facilities throughout the state. She oversees the operations of Employee Health Services at Methodist, ensuring that all new hires meet the requirements of local, state and federal governing agencies. She also manages the Workers' Compensation program for the hospital and off-site locations. Bliss has been a member of AOHP for approximately 15 years and has held the offices of Vice President and President for the Illinois Chapter. She currently serves on the AOHP Board of Directors as Region 3 Director. Her leadership experience with AOHP, and her knowledge gained by attending several AOHP National Conferences, has enabled her to initiate and sustain a successful Safe Patient Handling program at her facility. Due to the success of this program, Bliss has presented at several conferences, including two Safe Patient Handling conferences in Illinois, AOHP chapter meetings in Illinois and Indiana, the Magnet Consortium, a Safe Patient/Resident/Client Handling conference at Northern Illinois University in Naperville, IL, and the 2011 AOHP Annual National Conference.

Anna M Hook, BS RN

Anna Hook, Occupational Health Coordinator for Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL, has more than 40 years of nursing experience in critical care, recovery, med/surg, and occupational and employee health, including eight years in her current position. She is responsible for maintaining employee health records, and for ensuring compliance requirements for public health, OSHA, CDC and The Joint Commission related to immunizations, BBP Exposure, TB compliance/exposures, and the respiratory protection and influenza compliance programs. She works closely with infection control and oversees compliance requirements for ancillary staff including providers, volunteers and students, and serves on a number of the health center's healthcare committees. Hook has been an active member of the AOHP Illinois Chapter for 12 years, holding a number of leadership positions in the organization since 2005, and currently serves as Executive Treasurer of the AOHP Board of Directors. Hook earned her RN from the Marion County General Hospital School of Nursing in 1972 and Bachelor of Science in Health Arts from the University of St. Francis in 1999.

Denise Knoblauch, BSN RN COHN-S/CM

Denise Knoblauch has more than 20 years of experience as an occupational health professional in healthcare. She began her career as the lone Employee Health Nurse in a small hospital setting and then transitioned to an urban medical center that provides occupational health services to employees and 500 companies. She has experience as a staff nurse, infection control practitioner, clinic coordinator and case manager, and developed the case manager role in her current department. Today, Knoblauch functions as a case manager for medical center employees, as well as for outside employers, facilitating communication and return to work issues. She is an active member in AOHP, having held both local and national positions on the AOHP Board of Directors. She is currently co-chair of the Continuing Education Committee and co-instructor for *Getting Started on the Road*. Knoblauch has presented nationally, regionally and locally on a variety of occupational health topics. She is currently completing an original nursing research project working with the housekeeping department to reduce injuries. She is a Certified Occupational Health Nurse Specialist and Case Manager for ABOHN.

Please see the attached registration form. If you have any questions, please contact AOHP Headquarters at info@aohp.org or 800.362.4347. If you are interested in hosting the *Getting Started on the Road* Workshop in your area, please contact Annie Wiest at info@aohp.org for details.

