

MASSACHUSETTS/RHODE ISLAND LEAGUE FOR NURSING

NEWSLETTER



President's Message

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MARILN President
Associate Professor, Salem State University

Welcome! MARILN is a 250-member nurse educator-led 503b non-profit organization. We are the constituent league of the National League for Nursing (NLN). Our mission is to provide timely and evidence-based nurse educator workshops and conferences, and, by extension, improve the nursing education of our students for a lifelong professional career. MARILN is an organization welcoming all nursing educational levels, LPN to doctoral programs. We are exceptionally proud of the educational diversity of our members and what that brings to the science of nursing education. In addition, MARILN collaborates with many other regional nursing organizations to promote leadership in nursing education, develop policy, and maintain successful transitions to practice.

Welcome new MARILN Board members: Patty McCauley, Kim Shea, Jennifer Wallace, Efi Wilkins, and Rachel Hill.

I could not start this year's planning without reflecting on the pandemic. My mind is thinking of all the valuable nurses and nurse educators in the field today. While I am not practicing in the hospital today, these times remind me of my earlier days during the HIV/AIDS epidemic. One constant factor about our profession that still reigns true today is that nurses humbly get the work done. Their resilience is unheralded. Their sense of morality is evident, caring for both the vaccinated and the unvaccinated alike. It is for all these reasons and more that nurses have been ranked the highest ethical comportment by the Gallup poll for the past 18 years. I sincerely hope that 2022 will see an abatement of the pandemic soon; nurses are tired, but there always still seems to be a glimmer of hope.

Starting in February, MARILN will post a column in the ANA-MA's newsletter, Massachusetts Report on Nursing. All MARILN members will now receive the newsletter. In this way, both the ANA-MA and MARILN can continue the mission to teach our students and be aware of practice issues to maintain a successful transition to practice for our graduates. As I embarked on authoring the inaugural article, it seemed fitting to trace our history before discussing our missions and goals. Egregiously, as with many other feminine histories, our history was not well documented. Upon my research, our roots can be tied to the 1893 Chicago World's Fair where nursing was first organized. Many prominent Massachusetts nursing scholars were in attendance when the first Society of Superintendents of Training Schools was founded. Therefore, it appears that MARILN will celebrate 130 years in existence next year.

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MARILN continues to build and maintain collaborations with other regional nursing organizations, and in so doing, a few of our goals for 2022 include:

- A new website! <https://mariln.nursingnetwork.com>. We have partnered with Nursing Network, as this company has designed many other constituent league websites. Moving forward there will be a small transaction fee for membership, renewals, and registrations, as with many other e-commerce sales. Since we have not raised dues for the past four years, these incremental fees will be passed to our members.
- Diversity and inclusion are two of the NLN's core values. Therefore, MARILN continues to develop new ways to promote diversity in our organization. MARILN members are asked to take the Diversity and Inclusion Pledge (on About Us page)
- Collaboration with the Board of Registration in Nursing (BORN) provides increased communication, transparency, and advocacy. Through these meetings, we have been able to offer more BORN annual report and strategic planning workshops for program administrators. In addition, this collaboration has led to the mutual development of various policies improving nursing education and transition to practice.
- MARILN has a sweet spot for the MA Organization of Nurse Leaders (ONL). Nurse leaders such as Ashley Waddell and Amanda Oberlies sponsored leadership conferences for our Board of Directors. Dr. Oberlies was recently inducted into the Academy of Nursing. We now have at least two MARILN members who are ONL members, and Lisa Thomas, President-Elect, will join Ashley Waddell on the Governmental Affairs Committee, which oversees practice issues. We have collaborated to improve the orientation of new nurse graduates during the pandemic and created preceptor development modules modeled after the NLN model of Teaching Thinking and how to deliver constructive feedback. Our work was recently mentioned in an ANA American Nurse Issue: <https://www.myamericannurse.com/beyond-the-pandemic-retaining-nurses-to-mitigate-shortages/>
- On March 25, 2022, our Spring Conference will offer an all-day (5 CEUs) Zoom virtual conference by the impressive NLN duo, Dr. Susan Forneris and Dr. Elaine Tagliareni, entitled "Activating the Learning Encounter: From Monologue to Dialogue with ACES Cases". So please join us for what will be a splendid day with two Premier NLN educators. [Sign up here](#)
- On February 7 and 21, 2022, Dr. Janet Monagle will be presenting "Clinical Judgment Models - To Use or Not to Use". For more information and to sign up [click here](#). *You can still sign up for the 2/21/22 session.

There are so many other projects underway at MARILN. We need a Program Committee Chair. This position does not require you to be a Board member. Many other committees need your passion for nursing education... come and learn more. If you would like to learn more, email me cwilliams2@salemstate.edu.

NEW WEBSITE



Please take the time to review our new MARILN Website! You will find it very informative. The goal of the website is to better connect us as a group, as well as with members of the nursing community.

We would like to recognize Dr. Lisa Thomas, Carol Femia, Julika Wocial, and Sheila Blomquist, who helped to make this new and improved website a reality!

<https://mariln.nursingnetwork.com>

National League for Nursing News

Cheryl A. Williams PhD, RN, CNE, NP-C, MARILN President received the "National League for Nursing Constituent League Excellence in Leadership Award" last fall at the NLN Summit. Dr. Williams' leadership during the pandemic led her to become more involved and to working closely with the Organization of Nurse Leaders and the Massachusetts State Board of Registration in Nursing. **Please be sure to check out the [Video](#)** (57:37 specifically) to see Dr. Williams accept the award! Congratulations!



The NLN Summit September 23-25, 2021 at National Harbor in Maryland was an amazing educational experience! The presentations were varied and pertinent covering a range of topics that included:

- Social Determinants of Learning Framework for Nursing
- Interprofessional Student/Faculty Development of a LGBT Health Curriculum
- Achieving Civility Excellence: The Call for Courageous and Inclusive Leadership
- Using Telehealth Simulation to Educate Nursing Students
- Escape Room Tasks: An Innovative Approach in Nursing Education
- Grit as a Predictor of Success in Associate Degree Nursing Programs
- Using A Flipgrid to Enhance Communication

Going to the conference was an opportunity to learn from the work of fellow nursing colleagues as well as to get to know and further appreciate the gifts of MARILN's President Cheryl Williams, Executive Board Member Carol Femia and Judith Pelletier, who attended. The next NLN Summit will take place in the Fall 2023 in Las Vegas! Submitted by Diane Shea PhD, RN, Associate Dean and Professor of Nursing at Emmanuel College

The Value of Being a Certified Nurse Educator - Certification in any field is a mark of professionalism. For academic nurse educators, it establishes nursing education as a specialty area of practice and creates a means for faculty to demonstrate their expertise in this role. It communicates to students, peers and the academic and health care communities that the highest standards of excellence are being met. By becoming credentialed as a certified nurse educator, you serve as a leader and a role model. Certification is the mark of distinction for nursing faculty. For your consideration, more information can be found on the [website](#). Submitted by Diane Shea PhD, RN, Associate Dean and Professor of Nursing at Emmanuel College

NEXT GENERATION TIPS

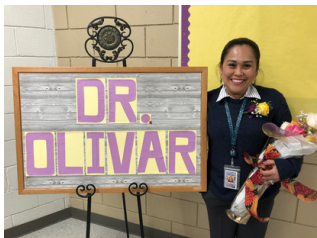
"[The Right Decisions Come from the Right Questions](#)" Video (3:43 minutes) shares the importance of nurses using clinical judgment – a combination of critical thinking and decision making. In addition, this video shares an overview of next generation questions:

- New Question Types
- Extended Multiple Responses
- Extended Drag and Drop
- Cloze/Drop Down
- Enhanced Hot Spot
- Matrix/Grid

It is a good video that can prompt further discussion with your faculty colleagues!

ATI offers a downloadable 95-page [Next Generation NCLEX Guidebook](#) – that includes: item writing tips and the clinical judgement model. Submitted by Lisa Cross PhDc (post-defense), RN, CNE, CRRN, CHPN

CELEBRATING OUR COLLEAGUES' SUCCESSES



Congratulations to **Dr. Ana Liza Olivar** who completed her Doctor of Education degree at Northcentral University (NCU). Dr. Olivar successfully completed her oral defense presenting her research focused on simulation. Doctor Olivar is a full-time faculty at **Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy**.

Submitted by Gretheline Bolandrina DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Practical Nursing Academy Director at Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy



Lindsay Guertin has completed her Master of Science in Nursing Education degree from Western Governors University. At a presentation at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Lindsay was joined by her husband Jayson Guertin, BHS, ASN, RN. A **Professor of Nursing at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy**, Lindsay has been with the Academy since 2018.

An alumna of Becker College, Lindsay received her Associate Degree of Nursing in 2006 before continuing her education to receive her BSN at Sacred Heart University. Her related coursework includes class vice-president, 1060 clinical hours (Becker College) and clinical work as a parish nurse and as a unit manager (Sacred Heart University). Within her field, she connects with students in class, clinical and lab settings. Within the Academy she has been part of several teams including the Advisory Committee, Admission, and Graduation Committee. She is also a mentor to newer faculty and an advisor to a select group of PN students. She is passionate about Alzheimer's and dementia care.

"As I connect with PN students, it is my hope that their desire to learn and grow never burns out," Lindsay said. "In the same way, I want to continue to learn and grow to help students for a successful future." Lindsay stated how honored and grateful she was to be celebrated by the PN Class of 2022.

Submitted by Gretheline Bolandrina DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Practical Nursing Academy Director at Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy



Marietta Marchitelli, an Alumni at Emmanuel College, generously donated \$100,000 to The Maureen Murphy Wilkens School of Nursing and Clinical Sciences. Her support will assist in supporting innovative initiatives, educating our Emmanuel Nursing Students.

Marietta is a retired researcher and a Trustee of the Jackson Homestead, a historic house in Newton that served as a station on the Underground Railroad before the Civil War. Emmanuel College SON appreciates her generous support.

Submitted by Diane Shea PhD, RN, Assistant Dean and Professor of Nursing at Emmanuel College

CELEBRATING OUR COLLEAGUES' SUCCESSES (CONTINUED)



Framingham
State University

Framingham State University Offers a Graduate Certificate in Nurse Case Management - This new program provides students with essential knowledge, skills, and expertise to be effective case managers. Ellen Rearick, a longtime MARILN member, has developed this certificate program. Courses are in a blended format that incorporates class meetings via Zoom in addition to more traditional asynchronous online learning. The certificate can be completed in two semesters.

Submitted by Lisa Thomas PhD, RN, CNE, Associate Professor of Nursing at Framingham State University - thomasl1@framingham.edu



Framingham
State University

Framingham State University offers a Graduate Certificate in Simulation for Nurse Educators - Framingham State University offers a three-course graduate certificate in simulation for nurse educators. Taught by doctorally prepared Certified Healthcare Simulation Educators with decades of simulation expertise, this certificate will provide nurse educators with cutting-edge knowledge and skills to effectively function as a simulationist and provide opportunities in simulation education as all areas of healthcare utilize simulation. This graduate certificate provides a strong foundation in preparation for national certification as a Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator.

Submitted by Lisa Thomas PhD, RN, CNE, Associate Professor of Nursing at Framingham State University - thomasl1@framingham.edu



Kristine Ruggiero PhD., MSN, RN, CPNP-PC Published the following book;

Ruggiero, K. & Ruggiero M. (2020). Fast Facts Handbook for Pediatric Primary Care: A Guide for Nurse Practitioner 1st Edition. Springer Publishing, New York, NY.

We are proud of Kristin's accomplishment and contribution to nursing.

Submitted by Diane Shea PhD, RN, Assistant Dean and Professor of Nursing at Emmanuel College



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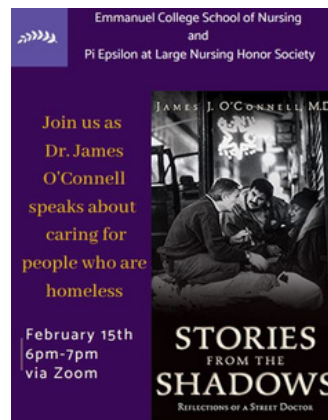
CELEBRATING OUR COLLEAGUES' SUCCESSES (CONTINUED)



Raquel Reynolds, Emmanuel College Nursing Faculty, and colleagues had the following article published.

Reynolds, R., Scannell, M., Collins, S., Colavita, J., (2022). Readability health literacy level of post-exposure prophylaxis patient education materials offered after sexual assault. *International Emergency Nursing* 61 1-7. Please take the time to read this informative work. Congratulations Raquel.

Submitted by Diane Shea PhD, RN, Assistant Dean and Professor of Nursing at Emmanuel College



Emmanuel College had a successful program on 2/15/22. Dr. James O'Connell spoke about the Care Needs of People who are Homeless.

Submitted by Diane Shea PhD, RN, Assistant Dean and Professor of Nursing at Emmanuel College

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARILN VIRTUAL SPRING CONFERENCE - 3/25/22

"ACTIVATING THE LEARNING ENCOUNTER: FROM MONOLOGUE TO DIALOGUE WITH ACE RESOURCES"

Speakers:



M. Elaine Tagliareni, EdD, RN, CNE, FAAN, Professor and former Dean of the School of Nursing, MGH IHP, was formerly the President of the National League for Nursing (NLN) and Chief Program Officer at the NLN from 2010 through 2017.

For over 25 years Elaine was a Professor of Nursing and the Independence Foundation Chair in Community Health Nursing Education at Community College of Philadelphia. Elaine has a long history of organizational leadership and grant funded initiatives and has worked nationally to support models that increase the academic progression of all nursing graduates and provide patient-centric care for older adults and their caregivers. Her work to develop and disseminate NLN Advancing Care Excellence (ACE) resources has resulted in adoption of the ACE curriculum case studies and teaching strategies in over 250 nursing programs nationally and internationally.



Susan Gross Forneris, PhD, RN, CNE, CHSE-A, FAAN is currently the Director for the National League for Nursing Division for Innovation in Education Excellence. Selected for inclusion in the 2010 inaugural group of NLN Simulation Leaders, she has been working in the field of simulation since 2003. She served as a simulation expert for the NLN ACE.S Team (Advancing Care Excellence for Seniors) and a simulation author for the NLN ACE.Z, Alzheimer's simulation scenario series. She is instrumental in the design and implementation of NLN faculty development resources focused on the pedagogy of teaching and learning. Her expertise is in curriculum and teaching/learning strategies with an emphasis in simulation and debriefing. Her research and publications focus on the development and use of reflective teaching strategies to enhance critical thinking. She co-authored the publication *Critical Conversations: The NLN Guide for Teaching Thinking* and most recently, *Critical Conversations: From Monologue to Dialogue*.

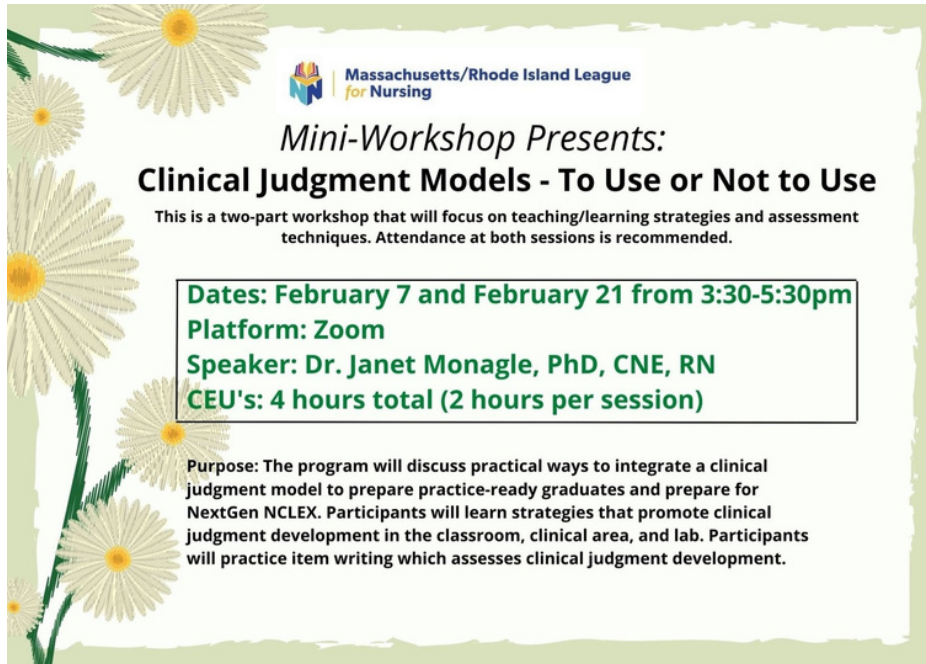
Susan began her nursing career with a bachelor's degree in nursing from the College of St. Scholastica, in Duluth MN. She completed both her master's and doctoral studies at the University of Minnesota in nursing education and educational psychology. Her past clinical practice includes cardiac and rehabilitation nursing, moving into medical case management for both private and insurance-based case management firms. She is a former Professor of Nursing at St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN.

Purpose:

As nurse educators, we come to higher education sharing our expertise in the art and science of nursing. Yet, this expertise doesn't always translate into good teaching and learning. During this experiential workshop, learners will use specific strategies to engage dialogue and experience learning from the learner's perspective. Learners will use NLN Advancing Care Excellence (ACE) resources to move beyond the monologue in teaching, to provide insights in how it felt to be a learner, to listen for understanding and to assist learners to "think like a nurse". 5.0 Contact Hours

[Register here through our new website](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

A poster for a mini-workshop. The background is light green with a white border. On the left side, there are several yellow daisies with green stems and leaves. In the top center, there is a logo for the Massachusetts/Rhode Island League for Nursing, which consists of a stylized 'N' made of three colored shapes (blue, yellow, and red) and the text 'Massachusetts/Rhode Island League for Nursing' to its right. Below the logo, the text 'Mini-Workshop Presents:' is written in a cursive font. Underneath that, the title 'Clinical Judgment Models - To Use or Not to Use' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the title, a short paragraph states: 'This is a two-part workshop that will focus on teaching/learning strategies and assessment techniques. Attendance at both sessions is recommended.' In the center, there is a white rectangular box with a thin black border containing the following information in green text: 'Dates: February 7 and February 21 from 3:30-5:30pm', 'Platform: Zoom', 'Speaker: Dr. Janet Monagle, PhD, CNE, RN', and 'CEU's: 4 hours total (2 hours per session)'. At the bottom of the poster, a paragraph describes the purpose: 'Purpose: The program will discuss practical ways to integrate a clinical judgment model to prepare practice-ready graduates and prepare for NextGen NCLEX. Participants will learn strategies that promote clinical judgment development in the classroom, clinical area, and lab. Participants will practice item writing which assesses clinical judgment development.'

[Register here for Mini-Workshop](#)

*You can still sign up for 2/21 session

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Thank you to all who contributed to the newsletter! Please let us know if you have any future suggestions or if you would like to join our committee or another MARILN committee - see contact information below!

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