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From the Director's Desk

As we move from the pilot phase of PIN, the Steering Committee is committed to enhancing the partnership and integrating the lessons learned in the first two years of this program. To strengthen the mentoring element of PIN, each local healthcare partner will be taking a lead role in establishing facility-based mentoring programs. This will ensure that full support will be provided for the protégé by both the mentor and the protégé's own organization.

Our collective commitment to local nurses has not diminished. The PIN Steering Committee is proud to announce the kick off event for our regional professional development program. On April 21st, with generous funding from the Maryland Rural Council, Dr. Tim Porter O'Grady will be at Wor Wic Community College to present Looking Beyond the Job: Building Practice for the Future. All local nurses are encouraged to attend, to be inspired, and to contribute to the planning process for future course offerings. We look forward to seeing you there!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

AACN – Delmarva Chapter (all events open to Chapter members and non-members)

Tuesday, April 14 • 5:30pm

CE DINNER MEETING

Black Diamond Lodge, Fruitland, MD

Felissa Caserta, NeuroScience NP from John's Hopkins to speak on Stroke

Tuesday, June 9 • 5:30pm

CE DINNER MEETING

Georgia House, Laurel, DE

Dr. Laurie Rockelli, PhD, APRN to speak on Heart Failure

Thursday, Oct. 29

ANNUAL CRITICAL CARE CONFERENCE
PRMC Hallowell Conference Center

For more information contact Deborah Clayton at Deborah.clayton@peninsula.org

National Nurses Week May 6 – 12

National Student Nurses Day May 8

National School Nurse Day May 6

PIN would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to our local nurses for all that they do!



Erin McCready Certified

Congratulations to Erin N. McCready on her recent certification in the specialty of emergency nursing.

Erin is the Crisfield hospital's second registered nurse – her supervisor, Monique Welch, was the first – to achieve that professional milestone. The two women are among 17,300 nurses across the country entitled to use the credentials "C.E.N." after their names, according to the national Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN).

"I am so proud of Erin's accomplishment," Welch said. "She has a strong work ethic and always puts the patient first. Erin's dedication to her profession, her compassion for patients and her clinical expertise makes her an invaluable asset to McCready and our Emergency Team."

C.E.N. status signifies a nurse has a comprehensive level of specialized knowledge and clinical competence in emergency nursing practice. To qualify, nurses must commit to three months of

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intensive study and then pass a certification examination administered by the BCEN.

Erin is quick to credit her colleagues for inspiration. "I couldn't have gotten this without the assistance of the other nurses," she said. "They're always so helpful."

Erin also had a role model growing up. The Pocomoke City native followed her mother into the nursing profession. "I can't imagine doing anything else," she said.

Erin worked toward her certification with help of financial assistance from a Nurse Support Program grant provided by the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission.

Erin, 25, joined McCready Memorial's staff three years ago. She earned her Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse degrees at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury and worked a year at Atlantic General Hospital.

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LOOKING BEYOND THE JOB: BUILDING NURSING PRACTICE FOR THE FUTURE

by Dr. Tim Porter-O'Grady, DM, EdD, GCNS-BC, NEA-BC, FAAN



Dr. Tim Porter-O'Grady has been involved in health care for 38 years and has held roles from staff nurse to senior executive in a variety of health care settings. Tim is currently senior partner of an international healthcare consulting firm in Atlanta specializing in health futures, organizational innovation, conflict and change, as well as health service delivery models. He is noted for his work on shared governance models, clinical leadership, innovation, and health futures.

Focus on the transformation of the clinician's role into an accountability-based, professional nurse. Discuss the impact of a decentralized, continuum-based environment on the nurse's role. Identify personal and professional role changes necessary to adapt to the new age in health care.

5.5 contact hours

**Contact CFES for registration information
410-742-9911**

COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE #:	4708
DAY/DATE:	Tuesday; April 21, 2009
TIME:	7:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
FEE:	\$15 Includes continental breakfast and lunch
SPEAKER:	Dr. Tim Porter-O'Grady
LOCATION:	Guerrieri Hall (GH), Wor-Wic Community College, 32000 Campus Drive, Salisbury, MD

**SEATING IS LIMITED.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS
APRIL 13, 2009.**

The Maryland Community College Association for Continuing Education and Training is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Wor-Wic Community College is a member of this organization.