NEURO-APP SYMPOSIUM
ADVANCED CARE FOR NEUROSCIENCE PATIENTS
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 • SALT LAKE CITY, UT
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2024 NEUROSCIENCE NURSING ANNUAL CONFERENCE
TRAIN THE BRAIN
ADVANCING NEUROSCIENCE NURSING EDUCATION
Sunday, March 17–Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City • Salt Lake City, UT
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Attending the AANN Neuroscience Advanced Practice Provider (Neuro-APP) Symposium offers a range of benefits, including specialized education, professional development, exposure to research and innovation, collaboration with interdisciplinary professionals, and networking with a supportive community. These factors make it an invaluable event for advanced practice providers seeking to enhance their knowledge and skills.

The Neuro-APP Symposium offers sessions that are tailored to advanced practice providers in neuroscience nursing. The educational sessions and interactive discussions offer opportunities to enhance clinical knowledge, critical thinking, and decision-making skills. **Earn up to 7 CE contact hours** so you can meet your ongoing professional requirements and demonstrate your commitment to lifelong learning.

Join UCB at a Ready for Rescue cocktail reception following the Neuro-APP Symposium. Network with fellow neuroscience professionals and join UCB leadership as they thank you for your dedication to the patients you serve.

Stay after the Neuro-APP Symposium for the **Neuroscience Nursing Annual Conference**, also at the Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City, for even more neuroscience nursing education from **Sunday, March 17, to Tuesday, March 19, 2024**!

Visit [AANN.org/APP](http://AANN.org/APP) to view the schedule, for more information, and to register!
Access Cutting-Edge Research
The AANN Neuroscience Nursing Annual Conference showcases groundbreaking research in the field. Attending the conference will inspire new ideas, inform clinical decision making, and contribute to evidence-based patient care.

Advance Your Career
Attending the conference can enhance professional credibility, increase visibility within the neuroscience nursing field, and create new career opportunities.

Collaborate and Network
The collaborative atmosphere at the conference encourages participants to explore new perspectives, gain insights from others, and collectively address the issues and opportunities in neuroscience nursing. The conference brings together a vibrant community of neuroscience nursing professionals, including nurses, clinicians, researchers, educators, and industry experts.

Discover Salt Lake City
Stay an extra day or two to enjoy Salt Lake City. Take advantage of the thriving arts scene, shop and dine at City Creek across the street from the hotel, and ride public transit for free in downtown’s free fare zone. Explore the stunning natural landscapes and nearby national parks and enjoy outdoor activities like skiing, hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, and fishing.

SAVE $100
by registering on or before the early bird deadline of Wednesday, February 14, 2024!
Train the Brain: Shifting Our Brains to Think Differently About Competency
Donna Wright, MS RN NPD-BC

Competency assessment is a good thing, right? Let’s explore the whys and whats around competency and how it can benefit us or cause problems. Some organizations have created monsters in their approaches to competency assessment—to the point where people dread doing things. Let’s explore how to make competency meaningful. Let’s leverage it to energize us, motivate us, and keep health care at its highest standards. Join us for a humorous look at competency assessment like you have never heard and seen before.

Key Takeaways

1. Discuss the goal of competency assessment and the driving forces behind the process.
2. Discover how to promote accountability through competency assessment.

Donna Wright is a nurse and professional development specialist who helps healthcare organizations create meaningful, effective programs that support professional development and competency assessment for all departments. She is the author of The Ultimate Guide to Competency Assessment in Health Care and Competency Assessment Field Guide: A Real World Guide for Implementation and Application. She is also a co-author of two national award-winning books: Relationship-Based Care: A Model for Transforming Practice and Advancing Relationship-Based Cultures.
PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

to Help Improve Your Practice and Expand Your Influence

The following are extra-cost events, not included in the Annual Conference registration fee. Preregistration is required.

Sunday, March 17
Presenter:
Linda Littlejohns, MSN RN SCRN CNRN FAAN

8 AM–NOON MDT
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | TRACK: ANATOMY
(001) Brain Anatomy With 3D Correlation to Trauma, Stroke, and Other Pathology

Neuroscience patient care is built on a foundation of normal anatomy knowledge. This session will explore the normal structures, blood supply, lobes and deeper nuclei, brain stem, and cerebellum. In addition to slides and radiographic views, we’ll be able to demonstrate potential pathology in 3D on dual screens. We’ll discuss cases as we explore possible options for management. These 3D views greatly enhance understanding, prevention, and planning for complications in our challenging patients.

1–3 PM MDT
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE | TRACK: SPINE
(002) Spine Anatomy and 3D Correlation to Trauma and Degenerative Disease

Visibility of the structures of the spine, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, and blood supply in 3D greatly enhances the understanding of pathology and symptoms in neuro patients. This session will discuss traumatic and degenerative findings in the spine and considerations when a critical structure such as the spinal cord is compromised due to age or damage to the spine or blood supply. We’ll discuss cases and radiologic findings as we compare normal anatomy to pathology.

AANN is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. All CE contact hours are subject to change as the Annual Conference approaches. Please visit AANN.org/AnnualConference for more information on contact hours.
**DISCOVER SALT LAKE CITY**

Whether it’s exploring the natural wonders and national parks, enjoying outdoor activities like skiing or hiking, immersing yourself into the cultural scene, or experiencing the warmth of the community, Salt Lake City offers a unique blend of attractions that makes it a compelling destination to visit.

**Venue**

**Hotel and Conference Location**

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**Online Reservation Link:** [AANN.org/PlanYourTrip](AANN.org/PlanYourTrip)

AANN has secured a limited number of sleeping rooms at a special discounted rate. To obtain the special rate, make your reservations early and indicate you are attending the 2024 AANN Annual Conference. The discounted rate expires on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, or when the room block is filled. After that time, availability will be limited and higher rates may apply.

**THREE WAYS TO SAVE**

1. **Register before the early bird deadline!**
   - SAVE $100 when you register on or before Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

2. **Become a member and save more!**
   - AANN members save even more on registration. Consider joining AANN when you register to unlock the member rate and gain access to discounted education year-round as well as free CE through the *Journal of Neuroscience Nursing*.

3. **Attend with your team and save on registration!**
   - When you register a group of five or more from the same facility, each registration is discounted by 10% off the member rate.
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Find more ways to save inside!

“This conference really opened my eyes to the different types of programs out there in other hospitals. I have many ideas I can bring back to our nurses for follow-up care. I also have new ways I can teach my future orientees.”
—past Annual Conference attendee

“This was by far the best, most informative conference I have been to in quite some time. It ran smoothly and the presenters were top notch.”
—past Neuro-APP Symposium attendee

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