Overview
This all-day conference is jointly presented by the Institute for Health Care Education and the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance.

The keynote address will be delivered by John Nelson, RN, MS, President for HealthCare Environment, Inc., an international data management and consultation company. The morning session includes your choice of concurrent abstract presentations or skill building sessions.

Poster and research awards and lunch will be followed by the plenary address given by Cindy Connolly, PhD, RN, PNP, a historian of nursing. A variety of activities including reflexology, reiki and massage, and displays will be available during registration and lunch. The afternoon will conclude with a summary, evaluation and book giveaways.

Contact Hours
Contact hours will be awarded to participants who attend the entire conference. Partial contact hours will be awarded based on the number of sessions attended.

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Conference Site
The conference is being held in the Education and Resource Center (ERC), 560 Hudson Street at the corner of Hudson and Jefferson Streets.

Evidence-Based Practice
The Essence of Nursing
Friday, October 12, 2007
7:15 AM – 2:30 PM

Please share with your nursing colleagues.
**Program Schedule**

**7:15 – 8:00 AM**
REGISTRATION Coffee & Danish
Heublein Hall, ERC Lobby

**8:00 AM**
WELCOME (Heublein Hall)
Janice A. Cousino, RN, MSN, CNS-BC
Amy Schröder, RNC, MSN
Co-Chairs, Planning Committee

**8:05 AM**
OPENING REMARKS
Laura Caramanica, RN, PhD
Vice President Nursing, Hartford Hospital

**8:15 AM**
KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The Essentials and Impact of Relationship Based Care
John Nelson, RN, MS

**9:15 AM**
COFFEE BREAK

**9:45 AM**
SKILL BUILDING PRESENTATIONS:
Presentation A (Heublein Hall)
Advancing Interdisciplinary Professional Practice through Evidence Based Tools and Automation
Bonnie Wесorick, RN, MSN
CEO, Clinical Practice Model Resource Center

**10:00 AM**
 SKILL BUILDING PRESENTATIONS:
Presentation B (ERC Room 216)
How to Read a Meta-Analysis
David O’Sullivan

**10:15 AM**
SKILL BUILDING PRESENTATIONS:
Presentation C (ERC Room 218)
Characteristics of Professional Practice Environments
Carol Polifroni, RN, EdD, CNA, BC
Deena McCarthy, BSN, RN, BC
Terry Savionio, BSN, RN, CPHQ

**10:30 AM**
SKILL BUILDING PRESENTATIONS:
Presentation D (ERC Room 221)
Emergency Severity Index: Improving Emergency Department Outcomes
Karen Cone, RN, BSN

**11:00 AM**
SKILL BUILDING PRESENTATIONS:
Presentation E (Robinson Library, 3rd fl)
Searching the Research Literature
Arlene Freed, MLS, AHIP
Manager, Web-Based Resources
Hartford Hospital

Presentation F (ERC Room 217)
Translating Evidence into Practice
Joanne Roy, RN, PhD
Kim Beekmann, RN
Carol Styhczar, RN, BSN, MS
Julia Ericson, RN
Janice Montano, RN, BSN
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**11:45 AM**
CONTINUING ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS:
Presentation G (ERC Room 218)
Assessment of Nursing Student Learning Outcomes and Employment Choice after the Implementation of a Capstone Course
Barbara Aronson, APRN, PhD, CS
Lisa Rebesch, MSN, CNE

Presentation H (ERC 221)
Development and Validation of an Evidence-Based Venous Ulcer Guideline
Lisa Corbett, APRN, BC, CWOCN
Laura Bolton, PhD
Laurie Bernato, RN, MN, CWOCN
Peggy Dotson, RN, BSN
Scott Larus, PT, CWS
Diane Merkle, APRN, CWOCN, AAWC

**12:15 PM**
Poster and Research Awards

**12:30 PM**
LUNCHEON (Heublein Hall)

**1:15 PM**
PLENARY ADDRESS:
The DNA of Nursing: Knowing Nursing’s History
Cindy Connolly, PhD, RN, PNP

**1:45 PM**
CONFERENCE WRAP UP
Summary, Evaluation and Book Giveaways

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

John Nelson, RN, MS
Mr. Nelson is the President for Healthcare Environment, Inc., an international data management and consultation company. His primary interest in research is evaluating the impact of relationship-based care. His international research is focused on evaluating care as perceived by the patient using Watson’s Theory of Caring. He currently is a doctoral student at the University of Minnesota.

**PLENARY SPEAKER**

Cindy Connolly, PhD, RN, PNP
Dr. Connolly is a historian of nursing whose work draws on social history methodology to provide insight into the intellectual foundations of nursing practices and analyze the legacy of past politics in current health and social welfare policies. At Yale School of Nursing, Dr. Connolly teaches courses in pediatrics and nursing history. Within the broader university, Dr. Connolly holds a faculty appointment in the History of Medicine and Science at the medical school. Clinically, she is a pediatric nurse practitioner with almost 30 years of experience in children’s health care.

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