About the Program

The CRRN designation is one of the most respected in the field of rehabilitation nursing today. Delivering the best possible curriculum for continuing education credits, or preparation for the CRRN certification exam, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation continues the tradition this October. This intensive three day course will provide a comprehensive study of rehabilitation nursing with a focus on pathophysiology and the nursing process. Material is based on the core curriculum of the Association of Rehabilitation Nursing and incorporates critical feedback from past participants.

Who Should Attend

Rehabilitation nurses and nurses from other fields can benefit from this opportunity to fulfill education requirements and advance their careers. In addition, this course is a primary tool for those individuals preparing for the CRRN certification exam. Because of this, the CRRN Review Course is a must! Case Managers will also benefit from this curriculum by gaining insight into their clients’ physical abilities and limitations as well as their social well-being.

Continuing Education Credits:

Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, Inpatient Division, Education Department is an approved provider of continuing education by the New Jersey State Nurses Association Provider Number P105-10/2006-2009, which designates this course for 22.75 contact hours. NJSNA is accredited by the ANCC Commission on Accreditation of the American Nurses’ Association. This course is pending approval for 22.75 contact hours by the Commission for Case Manager Certification.

Program Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

• Evaluate patients with a rehabilitation diagnosis incorporating pathophysiology and the nursing process.
• Apply principles of rehabilitation nursing to a variety of client situations, including psychosocial and physiological.
• Analyze the role of the rehabilitation nurse in all settings, including direct care delivery and case management.
• Identify the relationship between the client with a disability and the community in terms of current legislation and resources.

Program Faculty

Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation Faculty
Joan Alverzo, RN, PhD, CRRN
Mary Ann Brigante, RNC, MSN, CRRN
Susan Brindisi, MS, Ed, M.A., CHES, RN
Kathryn Daley, RN, BS, MPA
Jay Rosenberg, RN, CRRN
Karen Liszner, CRRN, MHA

Guest Faculty:
Deirdre Jackson, RN, MSN, CRRN, CPN
Children’s Specialized Hospital
Joseph Romano, Esq.
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October 23, 24, 25, 2008

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education certificate ____________________________  
E-mail ______________________________________  
Phone: (973) 324-3679  
Mail registrations will also be accepted.  
E-mail: sbrindisi@kessler-rehab.com. Those who register  
prior to October 10th will receive written confirmation.

Location  
Kessler Conference Center  
1199 Pleasant Valley Way  
West Orange, NJ 07052

Hotel/Travel  
Please call (973) 324-3679 or e-mail  
sbrindisi@kessler-rehab.com for a list of local hotels.

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Schedule

Thursday, October 23, 2008

7:30 Registration/Coffee  
8:00 Welcome & Introduction to  
Rehabilitation Nursing Certification  
J. Alverzo, RN, PhD, CRRN  
8:15 Overview of Rehab, Legislative  
Framework, Life Planning  
J. Romano, Esq  
9:00 Case Mgmt & Discharge Planning –  
Brain Injury  
B. Collins, RN  
9:30 Case Mgmt & Discharge Planning:  
Spinal Cord Injury Management  
J. Mitchell, CRRN, BSN, CCM  
10:15 Break  
10:30 Nursing & Rehab Theories  
J. Alverzo, RN, PhD, CRRN  
11:15 Neuropathophysiology  
J. Alverzo, RN, PhD, CRRN  
12:45 Lunch  
1:30 Issues in Bowel Management  
J. Alverzo, RN, PhD, CRRN  
2:15 Management of Neurogenic Bladder  
M. Matthews, RN, BC, MSN, CCM  
3:15 Break  
3:30 Pediatric Rehabilitation  
D. Jackson, RN, MSN, CPN, CRRN  
5:00 Adjourn  

Friday, October 24, 2008

7:30 Registration/Coffee  
8:00 Orthopaedic Conditions &  
Rehabilitation  
S. Brindisi, M.S. Ed., M.A., CHES, RN  
9:30 Break  

Schedule (Continued)

Friday, October 24, 2008 (continued)

9:45 Rehabilitation of the Amputee Patient  
J. Jensen, PT  
10:30 Pulmonary and Cardiac Rehab  
T. Butler, Ph.D., RRT-NPS., RPTF.  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Cardiac Rehabilitation  
T. Butler, Ph.D., RRT-NPS., RPTF.  
12:45 Spinal Cord Injury Management  
S. Kirshblum, MD  
1:45 Nursing Mgmt of SCI  
J. Rosenberg, RN, CRRN  
3:45 Nursing Management of Skin Integrity  
J. Stevenson, RN, CRRN  
5:15 Adjourn  

Saturday, October 25, 2008

7:30 Registration/Coffee  
8:00 Neuromuscular Disease Review  
K. Lizzeri, CRRN, MHA  
9:15 Rehabilitation of the Stroke Survivor  
M. Grigante, RNC, MSN, CRRN  
10:15 Break  
10:30 Rehab of Stroke (continued)  
M. Grigante, RNC, MSN, CRRN  
11:45 Lunch  
12:30 Rehabilitation and Traumatic  
Brain Injury  
L. Jamshidi-Azad, RN, CRRN  
2:30 Break  
2:45 Rehabilitation & Traumatic Brain  
Injury (continued)  
L. Jamshidi-Azad, RN, CRRN  
3:45 Study & Test Taking Skills  
S. Brindisi, M.S.Ed., M.A., CHES, RN  
4:30 Adjourn

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