Welcome to ASPAN’s 39th National Conference in Denver, Colorado!

ASPN is delighted that you registered for its 39th National Conference! This year’s conference theme is Celebrate Strength—Elevate Practice. Education and fun events await you at ASPAN’s host hotel, the Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center.

Relaxation, Entertainment, Beautiful Scenery
Check out these websites to plan your activities once in Denver:

- [https://www.denver.org/things-to-do/denver-attractions/must-see-denver/](https://www.denver.org/things-to-do/denver-attractions/must-see-denver/)
- [www.colorado.com](http://www.colorado.com)

Some popular attractions to visit include:

- Larimer Square
- 16th Street Mall
- Cherry Creek North Shopping District
- Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre
- Union Station
- Denver Botanical Gardens
- Denver Zoo
- Numerous Museums
- The Denver Art Museum
- Elitch Gardens Theme and Water Park
- Molly Brown House and Museum
- Downtown Aquarium
- United States Mint
- Estes Park (1.5 hours northwest of Denver)
- Manitou Sprints (1.5 hours south of Denver)
- Vail (2 hours west of Denver)

Host/Hostess Orientation
Attend one of these orientation sessions to receive your conference assignment and green apron:

- Saturday, April 25 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Homestead 1 or
- Sunday, April 26 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm in Willow Lake 2

If interested, you can still volunteer to serve as a Host/Hostess. Contact Bridget Miller at 719-930-8651 or gigi@themillers.com. Active and Retired category members may serve and receive a small compensation.

Session Moderator Orientation
If you are interested in serving as a Session Moderator, contact Chris Buck at 865-387-3863 or mombuck@hotmail.com. This is a great way to participate, let others get to know you, and meet ASPAN’s speakers.

Orientation for ASPAN moderators will be Saturday, April 25 from 4:15 – 5:15 pm in Homestead 1. This is the only scheduled orientation session for moderators to learn details of this crucial conference role.

Meet the Candidates
Candidates for positions on ASPAN’s Board of Directors will be introduced and available to greet ASPAN members on Saturday, April 25 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in Willow Lake 1-2.

Preconference Educational Offerings
Saturday, April 25, from 8:00 am to 5:45 pm, Maureen McLaughlin, MS, RN, ACNS-BC, CPAN, CAPA, will present “I Watch Over You While You Sleep: Caring for the PeriAnesthesia Patient Along the PeriAnesthesia Care Continuum.” This session will provide a comprehensive course on perianesthesia nursing across all areas of care. Willow Lake 3-5.

Sunday, April 26, from 8:00 am to 4:55 pm, Terry Clifford, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, FASPAN, will present PeriAnesthesia Certification Review. This session will cover key topics essential for preparing the perianesthesia nurse to take the CPAN® and/or CAPA® certification examinations. Willow Lake 4-5.

Preregistration with an additional fee is required for each preconference offering.

Read the National PArtiCUlArS every day for news and updated information about the day’s conference activities. PArtiCUlArS will be available each morning at the Registration Desk and at [www.aspan.org](http://www.aspan.org).
National PArtiCUlArS Preconference Issue

Conference is “Green”
You can help the environment by downloading outlines only for the sessions for which you are registered. Materials will be available on the ASPAN website beginning April 17, 2020 through July 1, 2020. Your conference confirmation letter provides the link to access syllabus material online and print your handouts. (Speakers may or may not choose to provide downloadable copies of their PowerPoint presentations to ASPAN.)

Representative Assembly
ASPAH’s 23rd Representative Assembly (RA) convenes on Sunday, April 26 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. The Representative Assembly, facilitated by President Amy Dooley, MS, RN, CPAN, CAPA, will meet for informal hearings during the morning to discuss questions, issues and topics related to where ASPAN is today. The candidates for national offices will make their presentations from 9:10 – 10:00 am. The Formal Session of the RA begins at 2:15 pm. ASPAN members are encouraged to attend and observe your ASPAN leaders and organization at work! Colorado Ballroom B.

The ASPAN Shoppe: 2020
For your conference shopping convenience, The ASPAN Shoppe is open Sunday through Wednesday. Hours are posted at the Shoppe. Treat yourself, and the folks at home, to an ASPAN souvenir. Red Rock 10-11.

First Timers Orientation
Get all you can out of this experience! Attend one of the following:
- Sunday, April 26 from 5:15 – 6:15 pm in Red Rock 8-9 or
- Monday, April 27 from 7:00 – 8:00 am in Colorado B

Special Conference Events
ASPAH Development Dream Walk
Grab your sneakers! Participate in the annual walk to raise funds for the activities of ASPAN Development. Enjoy an early morning walk that originates at the hotel and takes participants around the resort. It’s a great way to familiarize yourself with the hotel.
Sunday, April 26, at 6:30 am, starting from the ASPAN Conference Registration Desk area.

Component Night:
Rocky Mountain High!
Component night is an evening of fun to share with all the components. Begin your conference week Sunday, April 26, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Embrace John Denver and his love of the Rockies. Come dressed in tie-dye and bell bottoms, to spread peace and love of the 1970s! Greet old friends and make new ones. Eat, laugh and have fun with your nursing colleagues! Cash bar. Colorado Ballroom A.

CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon
Honor yourself! Be recognized along with other CPAN and CAPA certified nurses at a Celebration Luncheon on Monday, April 27 in Colorado C-D at 12:15 pm. Come see world-renowned illusionist and storyteller Harris III. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Support ASPAN’s Exhibitors
A ribbon-cutting ceremony marks the opening of the ASPAN Exhibit Hall on Monday, April 27 at 6:00 pm in Aurora Hall 2-3. See your pocket guide for additional exhibit hours on Tuesday and Wednesday. Visit the exhibits often and express your thanks to them for supporting ASPAN!

ASPAH Development Breakfast
Begin Wednesday morning by supporting ASPAN, earning .75 contact hour, honoring your friends and colleagues, and enjoying breakfast. Wednesday, April 29, in Red Rock 6-7 from 6:30 – 8:30 am. We are pleased to have ASPAN Past President Denise O’Brien, DNP, RN, ACNS-BC, CPAN, CAPA, FAAN, FASPAH, as our guest speaker. Come, hear her speak on Leaving a Legacy of Caring – What Will Be Your Legacy? This is always a popular and sold-out event. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

President's Reception Wednesday Night!
All conference participants are invited to celebrate ASPAN’s year of achievements with President Amy Dooley and ASPAN leaders. Come dressed in your favorite party attire on Wednesday, April 29, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Colorado A.

Postconference Workshop
After Closing Ceremonies, more contact hours are available for you! Spend Thursday afternoon, April 30, with Lois Schick, MN, MBA, RN, CPAN, CAPA, FASPAH, as she presents Anesthesia/PACU Complications. The session begins at 12:00 pm. Preregistration with an additional fee is required. Willow Lake 3-5.

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News Items for National PArtiCUlArS
While at conference, please bring news items to the marked box at the ASPAN Registration Desk. You may also email news items to bgodden@aspan.org. Items must be submitted by 10:00 am to be included in the NEXT day’s newsletter. May be edited for space.

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