

# Welcome to the 37<sup>th</sup> ASPAN National Conference!

## Welcome to ASPAN's 37<sup>th</sup> National Conference in Sunny Anaheim, California!

ASPAN is delighted that you registered for its 37<sup>th</sup> National Conference! This year's conference theme is ***Detecting Greatness: The Proof is in Our Practice***. Days filled with educational and fun events await you at ASPAN's host hotel, the Anaheim Marriott, within close distance to many of the area attractions, shopping, and restaurants.

Getting around Anaheim and southern California is convenient and inexpensive on Anaheim's Resort Transportation. There is a stop right outside of the Anaheim Marriott. Find transportation details at [www.rideart.org](http://www.rideart.org).

### Relaxation, Shopping, Entertainment

There are lots of things to see and do in Anaheim and the surrounding area. Check out [www.visitanaheim.org](http://www.visitanaheim.org) to plan your activities. Some popular attractions to visit include:

- Disneyland®
- California Adventure®
- Downtown Disney®
- Knott's Berry Farm
- Legoland
- Universal Studios
- Six Flags Magic Mountain
- Anaheim Ducks National Hockey League
- Anaheim Angels Major League Baseball
- Hollywood, Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood Sign
- Walk of Fame
- Beverly Hills and Rodeo Drive
- Shopping at Anaheim Gardenwalk
- Outlets at Orange
- South Coast Plaza Shopping
- Fashion Island
- Museums galore!
- Craft breweries
- Beaches, beaches, beaches!
- San Diego, San Diego Zoo, Gas Lamp District

### Download the Free National Conference App

Keep track of your sessions, personalize your schedule, reach colleagues, and receive important conference updates by downloading the National Conference app. You may download "ASPAN 2018" or access the app at <https://www.eventmobi.com/aspan2018/> while on the laptop, smart phone, or tablet you will be using at conference.

### National ParticUIArS

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

### News Items for National ParticUIArS

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](mailto:bgodden@aspan.org). **All items must be submitted by 11:00 AM to be included in the NEXT day's newsletter. May be edited for space.**

### PANAC Hospitality Table

Check out the PANAC Hospitality Table for local and regional maps and guides to restaurants and attractions.

**2018 Conference Commemorative Pins \$5.00 each.** Pins may be purchased from roving sellers wearing green sashes or at the Hospitality Table. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of each pin will go to support *Mary's Kitchen*, in Orange, California.

### Host/Hostess Orientation

To receive your conference assignment and green apron, attend the orientation session at the Anaheim Marriott, **Sunday, April 29, 4:00-5:00 pm**, in Platinum 4.

**Hosts and Hostesses still needed!** Please contact Karen Woods at 707-227-7943 or [karenw@panac.org](mailto:karenw@panac.org). Active category and Retired category members may serve and receive a small compensation.

### ***Registration Now Open***

The Registration Desk is now open on the main level of the Marriott convention level. ASPAN provides a syllabus at conference with the session objectives listed. Conference outlines or handouts are available online at [www.aspan.org](http://www.aspan.org).

### ***First Timers Orientation***

Get all you can out of this experience!

- **Sunday, April 29**, from 5:15 – 6:15 pm **or**
  - **Monday, April 30**, from 7:00 – 8:00 am
- Check pocket guide for room location.

### ***Silent Auction Items***

Your donations to the auction can be left at the ASPAN Registration Desk. The auction starts Monday at 5:00 pm in the Exhibit Hall.

### ***Credentialing Desk is Open***

If you need to credential for the Representative Assembly, the credentialing booth is open Sunday 7:30 – 8:50 am outside Platinum 5.

## **Special Events Not to Miss:**

### ***Sunday***

#### **ASPAN 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 from the hotel and takes you to the edge of Downtown Disney® and back.

**Sunday, April 29, 6:30 am in the lobby.**

#### **Representative Assembly Meets Today**

Listen to candidate presentations and hear issues being brought up for discussion and voting by ASPAN leaders and component representatives. All attendees are encouraged to attend and observe your ASPAN leaders and organization at work! In **Platinum 5 starting at 9:00 am.**

### **Component Night:**

#### ***Everything Hollywood!***

Component Night is an evening of fun to share with all the components. **Sunday, April 29, 7:00–9:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom.**

Greet old friends and make new ones! Eat, laugh, and have fun with your nursing colleagues!

### ***Monday:***

#### **Committee and SWT Meetings**

If you have been selected for a committee or SWT for 2018-2019, these groups will be meeting from **7:00-8:00 am in Grand Ballroom F.**

Come to the **Opening Ceremonies.** Stay for the keynote speaker! **Marriott Platinum 1-6.**

### **CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon**

Be recognized, along with other CPAN and CAPA certified nurses on **Monday, April 30. Grand Ballroom F-K. Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

### **Exhibit Hall**

**Exhibits open at 5:00 pm in the Marquis Ballroom.** Meet the vendors and see the latest and greatest in technology and healthcare.

### ***Monday-Thursday***

Attend **educational sessions** on a variety of topics. Visit the **Research and Celebrate Successful Practices posters** in the Exhibit Hall.

### **Development Breakfast. Wednesday, May 2, 6:30 – 8:30 am. Platinum 9-10.**

Support ASPAN, earn .75 contact hour, honor your friends and colleagues, and enjoy breakfast. Listen to ASPAN Past President Chris Price, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, speak on *The Impact of Paying It Forward.* **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

**President's Reception. Wednesday, May 2, at 7:00 pm. Grand Ballroom.** Join outgoing President Susan Russell as she celebrates with you the conclusion to a very successful year for ASPAN! All attendees are invited!

### ***Take Time for Yourself!***

Be sure to enjoy all the sights, sounds and culinary treats of Anaheim and the surrounding area. There are wonderful restaurants, shopping, and many other places to sightsee and explore.

### ***Seating in Educational Sessions***

All sessions require an admission ticket. Check your registration materials carefully when you receive them. **Lost or forgotten tickets will not be replaced.**

### ***ASPAN Shoppe***

*The ASPAN Shoppe* is open daily, Sunday through Wednesday, in Rooms Elite 1-2. Hours posted at the Shoppe.

### **ABPANC TOP 5 RECERTIFICATION MYTHS**

**Myth 1:** My card says my certification expires on May 1, so I have until May to recertify for the Spring Cycle.

**Fact:** The deadline for those recertifying in the Spring Cycle is April 30 at 11:59 p.m. EST Time. Visit:

[www.cpancapa.org/recertification/schedules-fees/](http://www.cpancapa.org/recertification/schedules-fees/)