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### **Short Report of my Experiences at ASPAN National Conference in Orlando**

My name is Theresa Lacombe, and as a scholarship recipient, I had an opportunity to attend the ASPAN National Conference in Orlando, Florida. My present position is charge nurse for Same Day Surgery, PACU and PAD at Opelousas General Health Systems. With the help of ASPAN and my employer, I partnered up with three of my perianesthesia associates from Lafayette, and we had an opportunity to network with perianesthesia nurses from all over the United States.

Sunday morning, I was up bright and early participating in the 17th Annual ASPAN Dreamwalk. Component Night was filled with networking with each state component.

Monday night, we mingled with the exhibitors, at which time we were introduced and oriented to new equipment and medications.

Tuesday, I attended the CPAN/CAPA luncheon, at which time we were lectured on, "Where Patient's Needs Come First."

Wednesday, I attended the ASPAN Development Luncheon, where we learned about "Leadership Behavior: What Character Are You?"

Thursday after the Closing Breakfast, our Closing Address Topic was "Strategies for Thriving During Turbulent Times."

The conference ended on Thursday evening with Post Conference-Hot Topics in Ambulatory Care. Overall I earned a total of 31 contact hours.

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