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American Nurses Association partners with Capella University to offer leadership webinars for nurses as a key component of the ANA Leadership Institute

ANA and the online university align missions to help develop nurses as stronger leaders; webinars provide continuing education credits

MINNEAPOLIS, July 24, 2012 -- Capella University (<http://www.capella.edu>), an accredited online university* that has built its reputation by providing high quality online degree programs for working adults, has partnered with the American Nurses Association's (ANA) Leadership Institute to offer leadership webinars for nurses. The five-part webinar series begins Sept. 19. For more information, go to www.nursingworld.org/anacapella.

The goal of ANA's Leadership Institute is to enhance the leadership skills of nurses and encourage them to activate their leadership potential in health care, nursing organizations, and other sectors.

The series, which will provide continuing education (CE) credits**, will give nurses the opportunity to step more fully into the role of leader as they:

- ⌘ enhance personal leadership skills
- ⌘ learn how to think strategically
- ⌘ explore effective methods of leading and working with others

- △ examine results and outcomes
- △ understand leading with innovation

“It’s critical that nurses recognize—and embrace—their role as leaders,” said ANA Chief Executive Officer Marla J. Weston, PhD, RN. “Working at the first level of decision-making, nurses are uniquely positioned to evaluate the impact of policies, generate opportunities for quality improvement, provide innovative solutions, and mobilize others to meet new demands,” she said.

“Leadership training is imperative to help prepare nurses for the challenges they face now and in the future,” added Weston. “I encourage and challenge all nurses to develop and fulfill their natural leadership potential.”

The webinars are available for all nurses and leaders of nurse organizations, with discounts for ANA members. Members of the American Nurses Association are also eligible for reduced tuition at Capella as part of the ANA’s education alliance with the online university. In addition, ANA members who enroll at Capella by November 2012 are eligible for a \$3,000 tuition grant.

For information on ANA’s partnership with Capella University, visit www.capella.edu/ANA.

About American Nurses Association

ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 3.1 million registered nurses through its constituent and state nurses associations and its organizational affiliates. ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public. For more information, please visit, www.nursingworld.org.

About Capella University

Capella University is an accredited online university* that has built its reputation by providing quality online degree programs for working adults. Nearly 80 percent of Capella students are currently enrolled in master's or doctoral degree programs in business, counseling, education, health administration, homeland security, human resource management, human services, information technology, nonprofit management and leadership, nursing, psychology, public administration, public health, public safety, and social work. Capella also offers bachelor's degree programs in business, information technology, nursing, psychology, and public safety. Within those areas, Capella currently offers 143 graduate and undergraduate specializations and 17 certificate programs. More than 37,000 learners were enrolled as of March 31, 2012, from all 50 states and 59 other countries. Capella is committed to providing high-caliber academic excellence and pursuing balanced business growth. Founded in 1993, Capella University is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Capella Education Company, headquartered in Minneapolis. For more information, please visit <http://www.capella.edu> or call 1.888.CAPELLA (227.3552).

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