International Summer School of Nursing ‘Care connects’

Date July 4 – 16, 2010
**Summer School of Nursing: Care Connects**

**4 until July 16, 2010**

The Academic Medical Center University of Amsterdam (AMC-UvA) is one of eight academic hospitals in the Netherlands. It has over 1000 beds and more than 6500 employees. The AMC has a prominent position in patient care, research and education.

The Amsterdam International Medical Summer School (AIMSS) is an annual event, which is organized by the AMC-UvA in cooperation with the Amsterdam Maastricht Summer University. The Amsterdam International Medical Summer School organizes an International Summer School for nurses entitled ‘Care Connects’. The AMC-UvA collaborates closely herein with the Amsterdam School for Health Professions (ASHP).

The aim of the Summer School of Nursing is to emphasize the universal character of nursing and the importance of all aspects of good patient care.

The Summer School will take place from **4 until July 16, 2010** in the AMC, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

**The Summer School consists of three parts:**

- Lectures and workshops about general, important topics in patient care such as patient safety, quality of care, evidence based practice and clinical guidelines, education and training, research, medical developments, ethical dilemmas in practice, service and attitude, transmural care and continuity of care, case management, geriatric care, care financing, access to care, use of ICT in education, health care system, career planning, the role of ethnicity in care.
- Interactive presentations, workshops and exchange by the participants about their own specialty including a power point/poster/video presentation of the home institution/country.
- A social program with a clear relationship with the Dutch healthcare system and its colorful history.

**Participant’s profile:**

- A certified nurse with extensive experience (at least five years) in clinical practice
- Enthusiastic with good communication and social skills; known by colleagues to work at professional level
- A nurse with his or her own specialty or knowledge source, which is sufficiently interesting and relevant for a presentation a for further elaboration with others during the summer school
- Able to communicate in the English language both orally and in written, at intermediate level
- Preferably in a position to discuss or initiate changes in his or her own institution.

A selection on basis of your curriculum vitae and a written motivation is part of the application procedure.

**Venue**

Academic Medical Center University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam The Netherlands.

**Course language**

English
**Costs:**
The participant/submitting institution will pay a registration fee of €100.00. The international travel expenses to and from Amsterdam will be paid by the participant/submitting institution. Visa arrangements, if necessary, need to be made in the participant’s own country. Assistance is available. Additional costs (public transport pass in Amsterdam; meal voucher for the AMC restaurant; social program) during the participant’s stay in Amsterdam will be offered by the AMC, excluding pocket money.

**Accommodation:**
The AMC will provide adequate housing during the course.

**How to apply:**
The application consists of:
- curriculum vitae
- letter of motivation
- a short explanation of the own specialization
- subject of the presentation
- letter of recommendation of the home institution
- short description of the home institution
- a copy of passport / ID card for EU citizens

Deadline for application **May 1, 2010**.

Non European participants from lower income countries may apply for a contribution towards the ticket (economy class) costs (max. 50%).

All participants are bound by the conditions of the Amsterdam Maastricht Summer University

**For more information and application:**
[www.amsu.edu](http://www.amsu.edu)

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**Please note:** The Academic Medical Center University of Amsterdam reserves the right to cancel a course due to unforeseen circumstances without any liability for damages arising, such as flight tickets etc. In that case the participation sum, if already paid, will be refunded in full.