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## CSGNA SCHOLARSHIPS...



*All members, please remember to update your personal information with SGNA; ie.; address, email address, phone, etc... Thank you!*

Mark your calendars now for these three (3) GREAT courses from Chicago SGNA.

2009 programs:

- April 18  
NIU Rockford
- July 18  
NIU Naperville
- Nov 7  
NIU Hoffman Estates

See our website  
[www.csгна.net](http://www.csгна.net)  
for registration form and information!

### CERTIFICATION & RE-CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIPS

CSGNA is offering 3 (\$300/each) for the upcoming certification exam being held May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Applications and information regarding applications are on the CSGNA website @ [www.CSGNA.NET](http://www.CSGNA.NET)

### ANNUAL COURSE SCHOLARSHIPS

CSGNA is offering 2 ANNUAL COURSE SCHOLARSHIPS of \$1200 each. The annual course is being held in St. Louis, Mo, May 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### MULTI-REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

CSGNA is offering 2 MULTI-REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS of \$500 each. The multi-regional conference is being held in Columbus, Ohio, October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## Thank You...

### MULTI-REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2008

I received a scholarship for the Multi-Regional Conference last fall in East Peoria, Illinois. It was very informative and I learned what is new in the GI field. I was very thankful that I could attend the seminar. The facility was very nice, one of the best I've experienced.

Thank you very much CSGNA.

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## SIGNEA

### Call for Abstracts for GI Nurses 2009 ESGENA/SIGNEA London

Hosted by the "Endoscopy Associates Group of the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG-EAG)" This meeting will be held in conjunction with the United European Gastroenterology Federation (UEGF) and the World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO).

Participants wishing to submit abstracts for GI



NURSES 2009 can do so only in electronic format by sending a MS Word document with their abstract by e-mail to:  
Ulrike Beilenhoff (Email: [UK-Beilenhoff@t-online.de](mailto:UK-Beilenhoff@t-online.de))

The deadline for abstract submission is May 30, 2009

If abstract is accepted, conference fee is waived.



## JOIN SGNA TODAY...

And become a member of Chicago SGNA as well!

**You will:**

- be a member of an elite organization for enhancement of your Gastroenterology specialty.
- receive publications and communications to include six annual issues of *Gastroenterology Nursing*, the *SGNA's Journal*, and a subscription to the *SGNA News*, the SGNA newsletter; along with Chicago SGNA's regional newsletter.
- have opportunities for education events, networking, and viewing new product developments at the national and regional level.
- have opportunities to receive continuing education credits through educational materials, and conference attendance.
- have access to a national employment network to connect nursing professionals to new positions and careers.
- have access to Speaker Resource Database to locate expert speakers on various GI topics.
- receive discounted fees for registration at national and regional education courses and materials.
- receive discounted fees for certification through the ABCGN.
- have opportunities for volunteer participation on national committees and task forces ranging from awards to research.
- have opportunities to volunteer on the regional level on committees.

*The Chicago SGNA Board Members personally invite **YOU**  
to become a member so*

***YOU** can keep up to date with what's happening in GI!*



## Certifying is easy...

**W**ant to get certified but can't go to the annual course or one of the testing sites? Why not take the certification exam online? In 2008 The American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses (ABCGN) started offering computer based testing, or CBT. The proctored exam is taken at contracted test sites with the same four hour time limit as the written exam.

For those who need to recertify, there is an online option you can do from home. You will need an electronic copy of your nursing license to do this.

There is much more information about CBT and online recertification at the ABCGN website, [www.abcgcn.org](http://www.abcgcn.org).

