



Partnering For Progress

April 4, 2008, will mark the 13th Mission Possible mental health conference. This year's theme will be "Partnering For Progress." The theme is perfectly named as the conference is a collaborative work of sponsors including the Burke Center, Brentwood Hospital, Piney Woods AHEC, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Nacogdoches and Lufkin, Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital, Nacogdoches Medical Center, and many others.

The conference is a great opportunity to earn continuing education credits while experiencing a wide variety of speakers and topics related to mental health. The Mission Possible planning committee is excited to have Dr. Paul McGaha, regional director of the Department of State Health Services, as this year's keynote speaker. Dr. McGaha directs a 35-county area in East Texas and oversees programs such as the regional Social Work Program, the Epidemiologic Response Team, Environmental and Consumer Health Protection, Family Health Services, the HIV/STD program, the Immunization Division, Public Health Nursing, Nutrition Services, Community Health, the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program and the Tuberculosis Elimination Program.

The conference will cover a wide variety of topics to pique everyone's interests. Some of this year's program topics will include posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), family violence, ethics in the workplace, preparing for financial needs of the mental health consumer, Alzheimer's, obesity and body mass index (BMI), substance abuse, anger management, family relationships, and health benefits. These topics will be highlighted by some of East Texas finest professionals including Dr. Robert Carroll, Dr. Phil Farmer, Dr. J. Michael Randel, Dr. Bruce McNellie, Dr. Thomas Brittain, and many others.

The Mission Possible committee also is excited to hold the conference inside the new Baker Pattillo Student Center on the Stephen F. Austin State University campus. This will give participants a chance to see the new addition to the university as well as provide enough space for the growing size of the conference. Parking also will be much easier this year with a parking garage right next to the student center.

With all of the exciting topics and comforts this conference has to offer, it looks like this year's event will be a huge success! For more information regarding the Mission Possible XIII: Partnering For Progress conference, contact: Paul Jackson at (409) 639-1141 or Mark Scott at (936) 468-6941.

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Continuing Education Opportunities

2/25/08-2/26/08

**“Getting to the Heart of Quality:
4 States Turning Guidelines Into
Lifelines”**

Omni Madalay Hotel at Las Colinas
221 East Las Colinas Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75039
(214) 713-1343

2/23/08-2/24/08

**Texas Pediatric Emergency
Medicine Conference
Houston, TX**

Contact: cme@bcm.tmc.edu
(713) 798-8237

3/2/08-3/5/08

**Neonatal Nutrition Conference
Houston, TX**

Contact: cme@bcm.tmc.edu
(713) 798-8237

3/6/08-3/7/08

**Nurse Practitioner Workshop:
Evidenced-Based Complementary
Alternative Medicine**

Lubbock, TX
contact: cne@ttuhsc.edu
(806) 743-2734

3/6/08-3/8/08

**Pri-Med Southwest Conference &
Exhibition**

George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, TX
(866) 263-2546

3/7/08

**Practical Applications of New
Agents In Oncology**

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention
Center, San Antonio
www.ctrc.net/wps/portal/panao

3/13/08-3/16/08

**Texas Anesthesia Conference for
Obstetrics and Difficult Airway
Workshop**

Houston, TX
Contact: cme@bcm.tmc.edu
(713) 798-8237

4/4/08

**Mission Possible XIII Conference:
Partnering for Progress
Stephen F. Austin State University**

Nacogdoches, TX
(936) 639-1141

4/18/08

**Mental Health Issues Within the
General Health Care System: A
Challenge for Nursing**

Odessa, TX
contact: cne@ttuhsc.edu
(806) 743-2734

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our newly developed Continuing
Education Events Calendar at
www.pwahec.org



Online Education

**Domestic Violence & Pregnancy:
Effective Screening and
Intervention Strategies For Health
Care Professionals**

www.texasnurses.org/education/cal.htm#domestic

**Health Care Alternatives Used By
Special Populations**

www.texasnurses.org/education/cal.htm#domestic

**7 Simple Habits for Patient Lifelong
Wellness**

www.texasnurses.org/education/cal.htm#domestic

**Culturally Competent Healthcare
for Migrant Workers**

www.texasnurses.org/education/cal.htm#domestic



Telephone Workshops

Telephone Education Workshop
CancerCare Connect
www.cancercares.org

2/15/2008

**Caring for Your Bones When You
Have Lung Cancer**

2/19/2008

**I Have Had Many Treatments for
Metastatic Breast Cancer: What's
New for Me?**

3/5/2008

**Living with Metastatic Colorectal
Cancer**

3/11/2008

**Caring for Your Bones When You
Have Prostate Cancer**

3/13/2008

Treatment Update on Glioblastoma

3/19/2008

**Questions and Answers About
Managing Chemotherapy-Related
Anemia**

4/2/2008

**Caring for Your Bones When You
Have Multiple Myeloma**

ACLS Courses

Stephen F. Austin State University
(936) 468-6941
March 29-30, 2008
May 31-June 1, 2008
August 16-17, 2008

Basic Life Support Courses

First & Third Friday of each month

**Basic Life Support
Health Care Provider**

Nacogdoches EMS Education
Nacogdoches, Texas
Contact: (936) 569-4600

Email: atkinsov@nacmem.org

Basic Life Support

Angelina College
Community Services
Lufkin, Texas
Contact: (936) 633-5206

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