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Referral Contest: Win Four Airline Vouchers PLUS \$500.00 Spending Money *and* Receive \$350.00 for Every Referral!

Our hospital clients have been busy and they have informed us that they anticipate their censuses will remain high throughout the spring and summer. We need more nurses to help fill these needs! Starting March 26, 2006 through September 2, 2006 we will be holding a referral contest with the grand prize being four airline vouchers good for travel anywhere in the continental U.S. plus \$500.00 in spending money. All RNs who refer five (5) or more nurses during the contest period will be entered to win the grand prize. The RN referrals must be active and work one shift in order to be a qualified referral. The RN with the most referrals on September 2, 2006 will be our grand prize winner*.

In addition, as an *extra incentive*, you will receive a \$350.00 referral bonus for every RN you refer who is activated and works 80 hours in the three months following activation! This is *\$100.00 more* than our regular referral bonus! Your referral will also receive a \$350.00 bonus after they have worked 80 hours in the three months after they are activated.

Start referring RNs to us today! We always receive the best referrals from our current employees. Call us if you would like us to send you referral cards to hand out.

*Please note: In the event that two or more employees refer the greatest number of nurses, a random drawing will be held to determine the grand prize winner.



Northwestern Memorial Hospital pay rates are up to **\$57.00 Per Hour!** Orient at home and park for **free!** These pay rates will only be in effect until July so call us to request the orientation materials.



John Stroger Hospital RNs have overwhelmingly voted to strike if their contract negotiations with Cook County do not progress. Please call us if you would be interested in working at John Stroger Hospital during a strike. In the event of a strike, *they will accept RNs who have not previously been oriented to the hospital.* Pay rate and safety concerns will be addressed if the strike becomes imminent. We will pass details on as they become available.

Illinois RN License Renewal Information:

Don't forget that Illinois RN licenses expire on May 31, 2006. The state has already started the renewal process for RNs. Make sure to check their website at:

<https://www.idfpr.com/dpr/RENEWAL/nurs.asp>

If you have moved please visit the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation website to quickly and easily update your address information. Their website is: www.ildpr.com

You can renew your license with your credit card on line or by calling 1-800-823-6100. There is a \$3.00 convenience fee for renewing with your credit card.

Don't forget to send us a copy after you renew it!! You may fax, email or mail a copy to us. You will not be permitted to work if we do not have a copy in our office.



Education Information



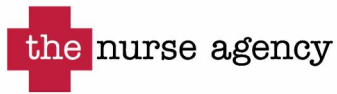
Need an ACLS/CPR/PALS Renewal Class? Check out www.emergencycourses.com. They have listings of available courses and you can search their website by class type and your zip code.



RN of the Second Quarter 2006!

Sharon Jakubczyk, RN has been selected as the RN of the Quarter for the Second Quarter of 2006! Sharon is requested by name at a number of our clients and is very well liked and respected at the hospitals we serve. She is a joy for us to work with as well and we appreciate her flexibility and professionalism! Sharon will receive a \$100.00 Lettuce Entertain You Gift Certificate and a Certificate of Appreciation. Thank you, Sharon, for your hard work—we appreciate all that you do!

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Free TB Testing and CPR Renewal In Our Office

Don't forget that you may renew your CPR card and get your annual TB testing done in our office at no charge if you are an active employee. The CPR renewal class only takes about an hour and a half and you receive your card the same day.



Looking For Continuing Education Units?

Check out www.thenurseagency.com! We now have a continuing education page that links you to various online resources offering CEU's for RNs. Some even offer free CEU's! Let us know if you know of a good online resource for RNs and we'll link to them on our website.

Quarterly Bonuses: It's getting close to the end of the first quarter! Remember ALL RNs who work at least 300 hours in the quarter, do not cancel any shifts, and are not tardy more than two times will receive a \$150.00 bonus. RNs who work at least 450 hours in the quarter, do not cancel any shifts and are not tardy more than two times will receive a \$500.00 bonus. The new quarter starts April 1st!

NEWS AND NOTES...

- Quality Control notices are sent weekly to RNs who have credentials that will expire within 45 days. Please return the requested items as soon as possible. You will not be able to work if your file is not kept up to date. All QC's are available on our website, www.thenurseagency.com, for downloading or give us a call and we will mail them to you.
- New on the Web: Check out our website, www.thenurseagency.com. We currently have a link on our home page to a study the American Staffing Association helped fund regarding the *relationship between the use of temporary nurses and patient outcomes*.
- We are anticipating a JCAHO visit in the next few months! We will keep you posted on our certification progress.
- Have an Idea, Comment or Question? We Want Your Feedback! We are always searching for new ways to improve the service we provide our nurses and our hospital clients. Please don't hesitate to call us with any feedback you may have. We won't know if you are satisfied with the service we provide unless you tell us! Comments or questions can also be sent to us via our website www.thenurseagency.com. Simply go to the [Contact Us](#) page and send us an email.