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ANATP/BNATP Monthly Update August 2026

1. **GOOD NEWS!** The Certified Medication Aide (MA-C) program has cleared its final approval stage. This will move forward to the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for public comment for 45 days. If there are questions or comments for IDPH, this will be returned to us. A second 45-day comment period will then open and within 30 days of the second comment period, it will be published in the Secretary of State Register and will become law. I anticipate a *lot* of comment on this and it will likely be November or December this year before we are able to offer these programs.
2. **Monthly HCWR training.** This is for new PCs or other staff who enter information into the registry or initiate background checks. It is mandatory for new programs (excluding programs that are just adding extension sites). Anyone can attend. The next one will be on Wednesday, August 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The WebEx link will change monthly, so check the monthly updates for the link.
<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=m83b89172d8769c69b247a1cc3bc45318>
3. If you are operating a Train the Trainer program, please ensure that you notify me of the class information. CNAEA is no longer posting the information on their website.
4. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT SPONSORED BY IDPH. DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO LINCOLN LAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Registration is NOW OPEN for the Inaugural Illinois Health Educators Conference!! Join us for this exciting new event in health care education.

Date: Friday November 6

Time: 8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702; 217-523-7900

Registration Fee: \$169.00

Hotel Info: If you are not local to the Springfield area and wish to stay overnight, rooms are available for a conference rate of \$110.00/night on a first come first serve basis.

About: Join us at the inaugural Illinois Health Care Educators Conference - an energizing event created for secondary and post-secondary educators who are shaping the future of health care training. Whether you're just beginning your journey as an



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educator or bringing years of experience to the classroom, this conference offers fresh perspectives, renewed motivation and practical tools to empower you as you guide the next generation of health care professionals. CPDUs and CEUs available for select professions.

Keynote Speaker: Michele Deck, an award-winning, internationally renowned presenter, author and educator is the co-founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of G.A.M.E.S., a company that provides seminars for any organization, specializing in adult learning and interactive teaching methods. She is also CEO of Tool Thyme for Trainers, a company she founded that supplies the most innovative and creative presentation tools available to educators worldwide. Her extensive travels - from Australia to Scotland, Canada to Taiwan - have resulted in thousands of people who gained valuable expertise of adult education and training.

For more conference details such as the agenda and breakout sessions see the registration page.

[Register now to save your spot!](#)

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