



Central Florida Chapter ANIA Chapter Newsletter

ANIA Business Meeting—May 21, 2026 @ 17:00 - 18:00 (ET)

ANIA Board Meeting—Jun 11, 2026 @ 12:00 - 13:00 (ET)

Educational Offerings

Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence for Nursing Workload Optimization

On May 28, 2026 @ 13:00 - 14:00 EDT

Connected Voices - Aligning Clinical, Operational and IT Stakeholders

On June 11, 2026 @12:00 - 13:00 (Refer to ANIA website for more information)

Speaker: Jesus Diaz, Director of NI at Memorial Health Care Systems in Florida

From Practice to Design: Nursing Insights Driving AI Innovation

On June 30, 2026 @ 14:00 - 15:00 EDT

Certification Review Course - American Nursing Informatics Association

7.75 contact hours available until 9/8/2026, on completion of all of the online modules and practice test questions. Purchase is non-refundable or transferable. Members save \$100

ANIA Chapter Hybrid Offering

The Chapter Hybrid includes the Certification Review Course Bundle plus an additional 1.5 contact hours with the Virtual Session. A total of 9.25 contact hours.

2027 ANIA Annual Conference March 11-13, 2027 (San Francisco, CA)

Speaker abstracts are due April 27, 2026.
Poster abstracts are due October 26, 2026.

Social Events

Networking with a Splash of Informatics: Virtual Networking Event:

On May 27, @ 17:00 - 18:00 (ET)

ANIA Conference Highlights Our president and Leyla represented us proudly.

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Journey to Certification



My journey to informatics and certification perfectly aligns with my life motto of “Just Wing It.” Unlike most, being a nurse wasn’t something I knew I wanted to be ... I just kinda fell into it. Once I focused on what I wanted to be when I grew up (as a 20ish year-old adult), I thought I was going to be a Pharmacist since I had recently moved from being a floor associate to a Pharmacy Technician. However, I was a new mom and the only schools that offered the program were not local; so, this wasn’t something that I could turn into a reality because I could not relocate. The chain store I was working at ended up closing, so I needed to find a new job. I ended up applying for a Nursing Assistant role at my local community hospital and started my healthcare adventure in October 2002.

I worked as a night shift Nursing Assistant for just under 4 years and was the “unofficial” IT support since I was “techy.” Mind you, my “techiness” simply came from computer gaming and being able to Google things well. While still in the NA role, my organization at the time implemented our first EMR and it really shook the clinical team. I knew that this was going to be a struggle, so I didn’t just complete the training modules that were assigned based on my NA role, I did all the nursing modules as well so I could help them understand the system and how to document. During this time, I was also lucky enough to apply and be accepted to the first Nursing program offered at the local community college in the next city over, where I successfully completed my Associates of Science in Nursing degree.

After graduation in 2006, I spent some time working in various units throughout the beginning of nursing career but ultimately landed in the Emergency Department as my soul feeds on controlled chaos! The ED was still on paper charts when I first started but transitioned to an EMR after about a year. That system was built and maintained by people who didn’t actually have to use it. So, as you can imagine, it was difficult to navigate and woefully unoptimized. The entire health system made the decision to switch EMRs mid-2011 and they wanted people from the units to build it. My manager came to me and highly encouraged me to apply since I “complained” so much about our previous EMR.

So, my official informatics adventure began in July 2011 with my first Analyst I position, and boy did I LOVE what I was doing. I still picked up time in my home ED because staying close to the workflows was extremely important and I needed the extra money, lol. After the first year, someone from the team needed pick up the Principal Trainer role and my team nominated me since I was still actively working and had rapport with many of the bedside teams. It was so rewarding creating curriculum, building/maintaining training scenarios, and empowering the bedside team in their use of the EMR. In the winter of 2013, the polar vortex came down for the first time and temps tanked to -40s, so I decided to find warmer pastures, which led me to Florida. After a few years, they added career progression to the role by making levels 1, 2, and 3. Unfortunately, I was prohibited from moving into the level 3 role because I only had an ASN. This was the second time I was denied a role simply because of a piece of paper.

In 2016 I begrudgingly began an ASN to MSN bridge program at WGU, thinking that I would accelerate the program and be done super quick since it’s work at your own pace. Life had other plans. I obtained my BSN in December 2017 and my MSN in Informatics in July 2020. I am not sure I would have made it without my amazing husband seeing as he literally sat at the kitchen table reading me things while I cried, completely overwhelmed and burnout. I attended my first Nursing Informatics Bootcamp in 2022, paid to take the test, but couldn’t bring myself to do the necessary CEs and study for the test at all. Fast forward to May 2025, take 2 on the bootcamp because my organization covered the cost of attending. I submitted my application to take the exam in July and was approved at the end of the month.

In November, I thought I would check to see if there was a timeframe that you needed to take the test in and lo and behold...you do. It’s 120 days! About 2 weeks before my deadline, I emailed to ask about rescheduling, and they responded that you could reschedule once and pay a \$100 fee. I asked my husband what he thought I should do and he said, “take the test.” So, I cried again, shut myself in my room for the weekend, read the nursing scope and standards book front to back twice and the nursing informatics bootcamp handout daily for a week. I scheduled my test for the last day I could take it at 0700, the day before Thanksgiving. I don’t really remember much about the test itself other than how strict they were on what you could/couldn’t have with you. After I clicked submit and walked to my locker to gather my things, I saw an email notification from ANCC on my phone but didn’t check it. I drove home in silence, willing myself to be ok with failing. When I walked in, my husband asked how it went and I had him read the email. He was beyond ecstatic to congratulate me immediately. Now the journey to never let it lapse, lol. So, TLDR...**Just Wing It!**

Jami Stroh, MSN, RN, NI-BC

Preceptor Connection

Let's Get You Connected!!

Seeking master's and doctoral prepared nurses in informatics or leadership roles to mentor students through the final phase of their graduate Masters program.

Please email **Laura Zarlenga** at LauraZarlenga25@gmail.com or text (813) 309-1175

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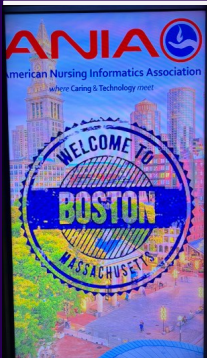
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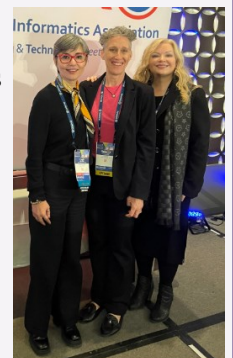
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2026 ANIA Conference Experience



I attended the ANIA conference in Boston, Massachusetts in April, where I gained valuable insights into current trends in nursing informatics and healthcare systems while also engaging in meaningful networking with professionals and leaders in the field. As a repeat attendee over the years, I strongly encourage those attending for the first time to fully embrace this welcoming and dynamic professional community. The conference provides outstanding opportunities for learning, collaboration, and connection with colleagues who share a passion for advancing nursing informatics and continuing education in the specialty. I recommend approaching the experience with curiosity and openness by introducing yourself, engaging in conversations, and exploring a variety of sessions.

The relationships you build and the knowledge you gain are both enriching and energizing and often extend well beyond the conference itself. It is an exceptional community of experts and subject matter experts dedicated to advancing nursing informatics, improving patient outcomes, and driving innovation in healthcare through collaboration, education, and technology. ~Leyla P.



Let's Get Together

Community and Social Events

Recent Events

Cassidy Otto Stomp Out Cancer 5k Run/Walk Around the World Festival

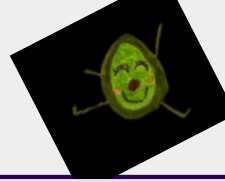
On April 12, 2026 @ The Shops At Wiregrass

Future Events

Networking with a Splash of Informatics: Virtual Networking Event

On May 27, 17:00 - 18:00 (ET)

Visit our ANIA Website for events information and how to join!



What's New @ ANIA Central Florida Chapter

The ANIA Central Florida Chapter is excited to introduce our new merch store, your destination to represent nursing informatics in style and showcase your ANIA pride within our vibrant community.

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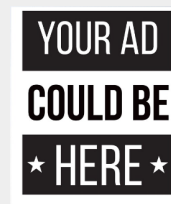


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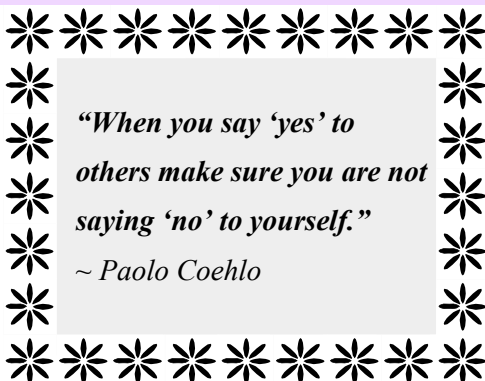
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Self Care Corner



"When you say 'yes' to others make sure you are not saying 'no' to yourself."

~ Paolo Coehlo

Will we see you there?

HIT Impact Conference by local HIMSS

Breakout Session: Patient Facing Agent AI: Marc Perkins-Carrillo June 4, 2026 @ 11:15 - 12:00

Breakout Session: Stop Revving in Neutral: Building a Health IT Career that Goes Somewhere: Brandi Viciere June 4, 2026 @13:45 - 14:30

2026 Nursing Knowledge: Big Data Science Conference

Poster presentation on June Leyla P