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Oregon Center for
NURSING

FRIDAY HUDDLE

A gathering of Oregon nursing workforce leaders to offer timely updates and share insights from peers and stakeholders.

Nursing Workforce

NurseLearn Program Expansion: Huddlers heard from the [NurseLearn](#) team about their *Schools of Nursing* project. NurseLearn aims to bolster the nursing workforce by delivering education programs to retain, recruit, and support nurses in community-based care (CBC). Through NurseLearn's Schools of Nursing project, NurseLearn works directly with nursing educators and program directors across the state to strengthen educational pathways into CBC fields by expanding nursing curricula to include CBC content and residency opportunities. Nurse educators interested in engaging with NurseLearn about support for their CBC curriculum are encouraged to [contact NurseLearn](#).

Nursing Practice Transitions Conference Abstract Deadline Extension: If you need extra time for an abstract submission for our 2024 Oregon Nursing Practice Transitions Conference, we heard you! Submissions for both speaker and poster presentations will be accepted through Friday, January 19, at 5 p.m. (PST). [Find the submission guidelines and form on the official conference website](#).

Nursing Education

New Graduates and Advanced Practice Nursing: We discussed an emerging trend in the California nursing workforce, which suggests that 30 percent of new graduates are leaving bedside roles to [pursue work as nurse practitioners \(NP\)](#). Huddlers agreed that the trend might look different in Oregon. Instead, it is not uncommon to see students entering into their nursing education with a decided plan to become an NP. For example, George Fox estimates that 10-20 percent of graduating seniors plan to pursue advanced practice. OSBN also reported an anecdotal increase in NP licensure applications and clinical placements.

The State of Graduate-Level Nursing Programs: Huddlers also explored the role of graduate-level education in the nursing profession, such as a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). We discussed the limited number of Oregon-based graduate-level nursing programs. One Huddler pointed out that numerous Oregon-based MSN programs have been phased out in recent years due to low enrollment. Meanwhile, out-of-state MSN programs are gaining popularity amongst Oregon nurses due to the convenience of remote, asynchronous learning and competitive pricing.

Events & Happenings

Oregon Nurses Foundation Brunch: The Oregon Nurses Foundation will host its annual fundraising brunch on Sunday, February 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Wilsonville, Oregon. Join in the effort to help raise essential funding for nursing scholarships. Hear from ANA President Jennifer Mensik-Kennedy as the guest speaker. [Tickets are available for purchase online](#).

NPO Annual Pharmacology Conference: Join the Nurse Practitioners of Oregon (NPO) for its 2024 pharmacology conference on April 6 in Wilsonville, Oregon. The event will feature Wendy Wright as a keynote speaker and is eligible for up to 6.5 CEs. [Learn more and purchase your tickets online](#).

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, January 19, at 8:00 a.m.

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