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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

Flu Vaccines for Oregon Healthcare Workers: New data shows that [flu vaccination rates](#) remain low amongst healthcare workers this year, according to OHA. Huddlers discussed how this might result from vaccine exhaustion following the pandemic and overall diminished trust in public health. Several attendees shared their own vulnerable experiences and perspectives around choosing whether or not to get a flu vaccination, as well as the importance of respect for others' personal beliefs. In addition, OHA has a [Healthcare Provider Influenza Vaccination Tool Kit](#) with helpful resources for talking to patients, employees, and community members about flu vaccine options.

Updates from OSBN: The RAC working on Division 61, which explores the potential combining of CNA-1 and CNA-2 licenses, will present its recommendations during the November OSBN meeting. In addition, there are [several opportunities to get involved with RACs](#), including [Division 31](#) (the deadline to volunteer is today, October 27) and [Division 47](#) (the deadline to volunteer is November 20). Anyone interested can contact Sarah Wickenhagen via email: sarah.wickenhagen@osbn.oregon.gov. Finally, OSBN is actively working to improve the accessibility of its meetings, including the hiring of an AV team for its 2024 meetings and hosting meetings in alternative parts of Oregon.

OCN Salary Survey: Watch your inbox in mid-November for the Oregon Center for Nursing's 2023 salary survey! This is an exciting opportunity to take part in our next phase of research while providing essential insight into equitable and fair pay for nursing professionals across Oregon. Contact Dr. Rick Allgeyer, OCN Research Director (rick.allgeyer@oregoncenterfornursing.org) with any questions.

Call for Guest Content and Stories: Have an exciting story to share from your facility, healthcare system, or nursing program? OCN would love to feature it in a future blog post! Contact Callie Gisler, OCN Communications Specialist, by email: callie.gisler@oregoncenterfornursing.org. You can read about the Sky Lakes Medical Center nurse residency program in [our latest contributed article](#).

Nursing Education

Clinical Placements: Educators report that clinical placement opportunities for nursing students remain challenging. One cause of this is ongoing staff shortages with clinical partners, which makes it difficult to accept students for rotation. Huddlers agreed it is hard to assess how the trend will progress, especially with ongoing conversations around various healthcare system mergers.

Events & Happenings

Upcoming Events and Conferences: Mark your calendars for these exciting opportunities coming up in late 2023 and throughout next year!

- [OCN Simulation Journal Club](#): October 30 at 3:30 p.m. over Zoom
- [WORKing Together Conference](#): November 7-8, 2023, in Bend, OR
- [Nurse Practice Transitions Conference](#): April 25-26, 2024, in Springfield, OR
- [Western Institute of Nursing](#): April 17-20, 2024, in Salt Lake City, UT
- [NWONL Annual Conference](#): May 16-17, in Seattle, WA

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, November 3, at 8:00 a.m.

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