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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.

From the entire Oregon Center for Nursing team, we wish you a very happy [National Nurses Week](#)! To our nurse educators, we also wish you a very happy [Teacher Appreciation Week](#)! Thank you for all that you do in your communities and across Oregon!

## Nursing Workforce

**How Oregon Ranks for Nurses:** Popular news outlet WalletHub published its [2024 list of the “Best and Worst States for Nurses,”](#) ranking Oregon sixth in the nation. The list analyzed nursing wages, job opportunities, and more.

**National COVID-19 Reporting:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seek public input on continued reporting efforts of COVID-19 cases in acute care. You can [submit your comments online](#) until June 10.

## Nursing Education

**Nursing Faculty Shortage and Wages:** Huddlers discussed the continued shortage of nurse faculty, citing the pay gap is a known barrier to filling critical educational roles. OSBN addressed the topic at [last month’s public meeting](#) and continues its analysis of data reported by Oregon nursing programs and other state data sources such as OLDC. OCN published its own [wage study last month](#), which explored the hourly wages of nursing professionals across practice settings. Attendees agreed that pay is a challenge for educators, some offering anecdotal evidence that they supplemented teaching wages with per diem shifts. Many faculty work on nine or ten-month contracts. In addition, limited staffing makes it difficult for current educators to utilize PTO or sick leave. Finally, Huddlers agreed on the importance of creative solutions to the issue, including evaluating existing models such as physician pay.

## Events & Happenings

**Mental Health, Addiction, and Recovery Webinar:** Join the Oregon Center for Nursing, along with our friends at OSBN and ONA, for an upcoming webinar on Thursday, May 30, from noon to 1 p.m. This collaborative webinar explores the real struggles of nursing professionals in the face of mental health challenges and substance use disorders. The event is free and open to the public, though advanced registration is required. A replay will be available for those unable to attend the live discussion. [Click here to save your seat.](#)

**Nurses of Color Collective Monthly Listening Sessions:** Join the Nurses of Color Collective for a monthly conversation series, facilitating conversations amongst senior nursing students and early-career nurses who identify as people of color. [Click here to register for the series.](#)

### Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, May 17, at 8:00 a.m.

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