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Oregon Center for  
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# FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

**Celebrating Pride Month:** To our LGBTQIA2S+ community members and allies, we wish you a very happy Pride Month! 🌈 Learn about [the history and importance](#) of the celebration.

## Nursing Workforce

**Implementing Oregon's New Nurse Staffing Laws:** We discussed the statewide challenges of [nurse staffing guidelines that went into effect this week](#). Huddlers agreed that confusion and short staffing add to nursing leaders' struggles in implementation. Additionally, the transition adds stress to the nursing staff and reallocated resources, such as CNAs and other support roles. Huddlers acknowledge that the topic is uncomfortable to discuss, but discussion is essential to decide what is working and what is not. Organizations can face fines for noncompliance starting next year, and the Oregon Health Authority is already [working to address complaints submitted against employers](#) across Oregon.

**Updates from OSBN:** The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) and its rules advisory committees (RAC) continue work on revisions to parts of the state's [Nurse Practice Act](#). An updated version of Division 31 addresses nurse licensure with the next meeting on June 10, at 10 a.m. In addition, Division 21, which addresses nursing education programs in Oregon, is seeking new RAC members. Contact Laura Blackhurst ([Laura.Blackhurst@osbn.oregon.gov](mailto:Laura.Blackhurst@osbn.oregon.gov)) to learn more. Finally, you can tune in for next week's OSBN meeting on its [YouTube channel](#).

**Join the OCN Team:** The Oregon Center for Nursing (OCN) is hiring for a Program Assistant! This full-time role plays a vital role in core OCN programming, including the RN Well-being Program and upcoming work with nurse faculty across. [Learn more and apply here](#).

**Nurses of Color Collective Student Discussion Group:** Join the Nurses of Color Collective for a monthly conversation focused on supporting BIPOC senior nursing students and early career nurses in Oregon. Share your experiences of transitioning to nursing practice and how to thrive as a new nurse. Our [next digital chat](#) happens on Thursday, June 13, at 6 p.m. (PST).

**Nominate an Outstanding Preceptor:** Nominations for the 2024 Outstanding Nurse Preceptor Awards are now open! Nominations can be made on behalf of organizations and peer-made nominations. Submissions are due by Thursday, August 1, at 5 p.m. (PST). [Learn more and submit your nomination](#).

**New Grant Opportunities:** Seeking grant funding to advance nursing education or the nursing workforce in Oregon? The following opportunities are currently available:

- [Disability Inclusion in Nursing Grants](#) from The Macy Foundation
- [Future Ready Oregon Grants](#) from The Higher Education Coordinating Commission

### Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, June 14, at 8:00 a.m.

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