



FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

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

DATE: July 24, 2020

Workforce:

Long Term Care Staffing Issues. OHA is concerned about lack of staff to safely operate nursing homes, especially recruiting CNAs. Staff quit when a resident tests positive due to fear of infection. There has been a difficulty finding RNs and CNAs prior to COVID, but the pandemic is adding an additional challenge. When a staff member is positive or presumptive positive, they are pulled from the workforce further exacerbates the problem.

CNA Certifications. OSBN is seeing a decrease in the number of CNA certifications. People can do CNA level work without certification, unless they work in nursing facilities where certification is federal law.

New Grad Residency Updates:

- Kaiser – Residency on hold
- Legacy – Next residency cohort is February 2021
- Wallowa Memorial – No official residency, but looking to hire a new graduates. Still allowing clinical placements.
- Good Shepherd Health Care System – Allowing clinical placements in September.
- PeaceHealth – Nurse residency starting in August 2020.

Rural Communities: Kyle Furukawa, interim CNO at Good Shepherd in Hermiston, reported staffing agencies and OHA have been able to support staffing to handle the COVID surge in their community.

Nursing Education:

Pioneer Pacific College. PPC has closed its LPN programs. On average, PPC graduated 41 LPNs from its Beaverton campus, and 64 from its Springfield campus.

NCLEX Testing. The governor's office did not allow a social distancing waiver to increase NCLEX testing. However, most Oregon educators reported students for spring and summer terms have been able to schedule testing.

Portland-area Clinical Placements: Schools in the Portland area are still working to find clinical placements for students, and being creative about simulation, students sharing clinical placements, etc. OCN is gathering information about clinical placements and will host a conversation in September about alternatives to clinical placements.

Other Topics:

Oregon's Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Workforce Webinar. Learn more about the Oregon Center for Nursing's recent research and its implications from study author, Dr. Rick Allgeyer, at a webinar on Wednesday, July 29 at 12p. [Click here to register.](#)

Celebrate Nursing. Want to recognize your nurses, faculty, or nursing students? OCN plans to show a video at the October 8th Fundraiser to celebrate the contribution of all nurses across our state. Send pictures (even selfies!) or videos from your phone to ocnadmin@up.edu by September 15th to add to the presentation. [More information about the event can be found here.](#)

The Future of Nursing 2020-2030. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine are currently working on how nurses can work to reduce health disparities and promote equity, while keeping costs at bay, utilizing technology, and maintaining patient and family-focused care into 2030. For more information, [click here](#).

Nursing Licensing Scams. A scam is circulating nationally where nurses receive phone calls identifying themselves as being from the board of nursing demanding payment of civil penalties for license violations. The OSBN does not contact nurses via phone, nor charges civil penalties for licenses. Another scam is targeted to nurses who have prescriptive authority. Contact [Ruby Jason](#) if this scam has been seen in Oregon.

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