



FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

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

DATE: February 10, 2023

Nursing Workforce:

Nursing Applications. Application season and Clatsop Community College reported the number of applications received is lagging. It is unclear if this is due to a decline in interest in nursing, or perhaps related to the creation of new programs in the region. Though the number of applications received by nursing schools continues to exceed the number of seats available, it is also important to remember that many applicants apply to more than one program to better their acceptance chances.

Specialty Nursing. Multiple health systems (Asante, St. Charles, Kaiser Permanente) around the state reported they are seeing a trend with new graduate nurses where they are only interested in working in specialty areas, but aren't interested in working in med-surg. Nurse educators on the Huddle suggested this is an opportunity to change the narrative with students and focus on med-surg as a nursing specialty. Oregon Coast Community College reported their current students are already applying for med-surg new graduate positions at local area hospitals and this is an area of interest for many students. When asked they also shared they have several faculty with strong med-surg backgrounds that are working with students.

Announcements and Resources:

Upcoming Conference. Join OCN at [Nurse Wellness: An Organizational Imperative](#) on March 21st to discuss ways to impact wellness within your organization.

CNA Huddle. OCN, with support from the Oregon Department of Human Services, is offering a limited-duration [CNA Huddle](#) to discuss pipeline, education, recruitment and retention issues specific to the CNA workforce. Join us next Wednesday at 8 a.m.

Critical Access Hospital ORH Webinar Series. Oregon Office of Rural Health (ORH) is launching a new [webinar series](#) focused on best practices and considerations in finance and operations for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs).

Public Health Emergency Ending. A great [summary](#) from epidemiologist about what the end of the public health emergency related to COVID means and why it's so complex.

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