



Oregon Center for  
**NURSING**

# CNA HUDDLE

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

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## CNA Workforce:

**CNA Taskforce:** OSBN is convening a CNA taskforce to review CNA training curriculum to help streamline training programs. The taskforce is reviewing the current curricula to potentially remove non-essential content to improve the quality of training materials. The taskforce plans to present its findings to the OSBN board in April 2023.

**OHCA Legislative Update:** OHCA is working with OSBN on two pieces of legislation this session. The first would add long-term care representation to the OSBN board. The second would allow nurses in long-term care to follow out-of-state physician orders for 90 days under the same waiver affecting school nurses. This would impact clients who have recently moved to Oregon and have been able to establish a relationship with an Oregon-based physician.

**CNA 2 Being Eliminated (Rumor):** One participant said they had heard that OSBN was going to cease future certifications for CNA 2s and merge all current CNA 1s and CNA 2s into a single CNA category. The representative from OSBN said this was inaccurate and that no current action was taking place or being discussed.

**Team-Based Nursing:** Several participants from hospital settings discussed their hospital's efforts in implementing a team-based nursing model. This would lead to hospitals hiring more LPNs and CNAs to assist their RN workforce. Participants expressed concern for the current CNA workforce as uncertainty increases about the status of the CNA's current positions. Some CNO's are working to reassure their CNA workforce regarding the future of their roles within the team-based nursing structure.

**CNA as a 'Stepping Stone' to Other Nursing Opportunities:** Some huddle participants discussed observing many CNAs using their position as a step to other nursing roles, including aiding in their efforts to enter nursing school to become an RN or an LPN. Due to this, many participants felt many CNAs do not plan to remain in their roles for long periods of time. However, others indicated some CNAs have been practicing as a CNA for years and intended to make a career of their CNA role.

## Announcements:

**OHCA Spring Expo:** The Oregon Health care Association is holding its [Spring Expo](#) on April 20-21, 2023 at the Salem Convention Center in Salem.

**Faster Internet Oregon:** [Faster Internet Oregon](#) gathers information about broadband coverage in your community so that decision-makers have the information they need to make fast, affordable Internet available for everyone.

**Ending the Public Health Emergency:** The messaging surrounding the upcoming end to the public health emergency is somewhat confusing. An epidemiologist wrote a [blog](#) posting to help explain what ending the public health emergency really means.

**NEXT CNA HUDDLE:  
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