



Oregon Center for
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FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

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

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Nursing Workforce:

Three Year Anniversary: The Friday Huddle began at the beginning of the pandemic and has been going strong ever since. Next week will mark the three-year anniversary of the weekly conversations. Huddlers responded with astounding support mentioning that the Friday Huddle offers a community, provides opportunity to learn about the whole system of nursing, validation of struggles experienced across practice settings, and the ability to discuss the challenges and potential solutions impacting nursing and nurse-adjacent workforces. The Oregon Center for Nursing will send a survey to Friday Huddlers in the coming weeks.

Two Study Opportunities. Sam Houston State University School of Nursing is conducting two studies and is looking to see if there are any interested Oregon partners. The first is to study vaccine hesitancy among nursing students. The second is evaluating surge capacity at hospitals with 500 or more employees post-pandemic. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the study, contact [Jana Bitton](#).

Nightingale. A Becker's Hospital Review [article](#) spurred a discussion in the Huddle about the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) and public perception. The report claimed that 37 percent of those who bought fake documents in the [Operation Nightingale fraud scheme](#) passed the NCLEX and potentially got into practice. Huddlers commented the NCLEX is but one piece in a novice nurse's overall measure of competency, and the fact some individuals passed the exam is not alarming, knowing the study aids that are available. However, several Huddlers voiced concern about the erosion of integrity and trust challenging the profession. Fraud schemes and the emergence of artificial intelligence tools were mentioned as threats to any profession. Other Huddlers stated that nursing is touted as one of the most trusted professions, and a change in public perception in response to schemes could have concerning ripple effects.

Next Gen NCLEX. Tailspinning off of the Nightingale conversation, Huddlers discussed the launch of the Next Gen NCLEX on April 1, 2023. Faculty feel confident that students are prepared to take the new exam, which was stated to have ten percent of the questions delivered in new styles. A University of Portland student weighed in on his experience preparing for the exam. He noted the new exam feels more dynamic, offering three case studies with six questions for each case study.

New Updates. The Oregon Center for Nursing has a few new links on the [RN Well-Being Project page](#). Among them, you'll find information about the seven projects we have funded from the well-being grant submissions, the extension link for long term care applicants to apply for the well-being grant, and a link to the conference OCN is hosting on May 23, 2023.

Announcements:

HRSA Grant for Faculty and Preceptors. Join us next week as we hear more about two OHSU programs underway to increase nurse faculty and nurse preceptors in the state.

CEs Offered: OCN now offers CE's for the Simulation Journal Club hosted monthly. Our next Journal Club meeting is [scheduled for Monday](#). We will review *Simulation Anxiety and its Effect on Clinical Judgment for Undergraduate Nursing Students* by J.M. Reed et al.

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