



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.

DATE: March 22, 2023

CNA Workforce:

Nurse Well-Being Grant Deadline has been Extended: In support of the Nurse Well-Being Project, OCN extends a \$50,000 grant opportunity for up to **TEN long-term** care organizations. Funds must be used to implement evidence-informed interventions to workplace stressors or challenges impacting the organization's nurse(s) and nurse support staff well-being. Through feedback from the last round of applications, OCN is providing additional time, grant writing assistance, and a grass roots effort to share information about this funding opportunity. The goal is to ensure **all potential applicants** can apply for the program and receive the support they need. The [modified application](#) eliminates the need for applicants to have grant writing experience. Novices are encouraged to apply! The [application](#) cycle is **OPEN NOW** and will remain open until **April 28, 2023**.

Nurse Well-Being Grant Technical Assistance: A technical assistance call for the nurse well-being grant extension was held on March 22, 2023 at 9:00a (PDT). [Details](#) of the modified application were discussed. If you have any questions about this extension, please contact [Dawne Schoenthal](#).

OSBN Update: OSBN reported all CNA applications are up to date and that all currently pending application require input or action by the applicant. OSBN also said the background check is taking between 6 to 12 weeks to complete. In addition, OSBN is revising Division 62 to clarify the rules surrounding the ability of graduates from a CNA training program to practice after completing the training program but before they are officially certified as CNAs. Currently, training program graduates can practice for four months prior to be certified. Lastly, OSBN said they are planning to report on their recent review of the CNA curriculum to the Board of Nursing at their April board meeting.

CNA Training: Long-Term Careworks will be starting a new cohort next month in their CNA training program. If you know someone interesting in becoming a CNA, please [contact](#) them for more information. OSBN has a [list](#) of approved CNA training programs.

CNA Huddle: The CNA Huddle was meant to run for a limited time, with the last huddle scheduled for March 29, 2023.

Announcements:

OCN Well-Being Conference: OCN is hosting the Nurse Wellness: An Organizational Imperative conference on May 23, 2023 at the Salem Convention Center on May 23 from 8:30am – 4:00pm. Check out our [conference page](#) for more information.

Sky lakes CNA Training Program: Sky Lakes Medical Center, partnering with Klamath Community College, [graduated](#) nine students in March 2023. Congratulations to you all!

**NEXT CNA HUDDLE:
WED, Mar 29, 8 A.M.**

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