



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:

**New Training Program:** The CLT Care Academy in Vancouver WA is about to open a new CNA training program. They are hoping to begin their new training program in May or June 2023. They plan to admit 10-20 students. For more information, contact [Alice Wilkinson](#).

**Struggling with Test Dates:** One huddler from southern Oregon reported they are having issues with [HeadMaster](#) in scheduling three students to take the CNA certification test. Students are being advised to seek open test dates in other parts of the state; notably in the Portland metro area. Other huddlers voiced similar complaints during the call. The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) is aware of the issue.

**Revised CNA Curriculum:** The OSBN/CNA task force working to revise the CNA training curriculum has completed its work. The training curriculum, clinical experiences, and lab work have all been revised. The task force is slated to present its recommendations to OSBN at the board's [April meeting](#). If approved, these changes could take effect in 60-90 days.

**Interest in CNA Training Increasing:** A huddler from southern Oregon said they are starting a new CNA training cohort next Monday (April 3) and had about 90 applications to fill 10 available seats. Another huddler in the same area is also reporting an increased interest, with more than 30 persons attending their orientation program. However, huddlers in the Portland metro area are reporting difficulty in filling their available training seats and are usually only able to fill about half of the seats available. A representative from [WorkSource Oregon](#) said their offices are working on getting more people into healthcare jobs and are available to employers to assist in recruiting potential students. They have offices across the state to assist employers and job seekers.

## Announcements:

**CNA Huddle:** Today is our last CNA Huddle. Thank you so much for joining us to discuss important topics related to the CNA workforce in Oregon. Let's bring this conversation to our [Friday Huddle](#). OCN's Friday Huddle is held every Friday morning at 8:00am.

**LeadingAge Leadership Summit:** Registration is now open for the [2023 LeadingAge Leadership Summit](#).

**OCN's Nurse Well-Being Website Updates:** The OCN [RN Well-Being Project](#) website has recently been updated to provide information about the extended grant opportunity for Long-Term Care facilities, our recently funded projects, and OCN's Nurse Wellness Conference in May. Please [check](#) it out!

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