



Oregon Center for
NURSING

FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

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

DATE: April 28, 2023

All HUDDLERS: Last chance to take this survey!

Nursing Workforce:

CNA Curriculum Changes: Barbara Ju of the Oregon State Board of Nursing provided a summary of the approved CNA curriculum changes. Highlights were a reduction in hour requirements, removal of a few skills, and some high-risk, low-volume skills moved to section 9 of Division 63. The hour requirements, effective August 1, 2023, will be 37 classroom/didactic, 28 lab, and 40 clinical. A full list of the changes should be in the board meeting packet on the OSBN website.

Community Connections: A Huddler shared a heartfelt story of the impact the Friday Huddle has had in their professional and personal life, stating that "OCN has created a community that can be depended on." This huddler worked with Cynthia McDaniel, another long-time Huddler, to help a friend get resources for their aging, houseless, insulin-dependent father suffering from dementia. Much appreciation was given to Cynthia McDaniel and ElderWise, as well as the entire Friday Huddle community, for creating meaningful connections that elevated the care for this patient, who is now in a memory care facility and doing better.

Rules Advisory Committee: The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) is soliciting membership for a RAC to react to draft work completed on Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 851 Division 045 Standards and Scope of Practice for the Licensed Practical Nurse and the Registered Nurse. If interested in participating, you can get more information [here](#).

Open Letter to Legislators: A letter of support is circulating for [House Bill 2002](#) for added language protecting reproductive health and gender-affirming health care services. The bill will go before the house for floor debates Monday, May 1, 2023. Individuals interested in supporting the bill may electronically [sign the letter](#) this weekend before Monday's debate.

Transportation: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [released a study](#) investigating transportation barriers impacting access to care. Huddlers agreed that transportation and a lack of local specialty providers is a known issue for workforce and community access throughout the state, particularly in non-metro areas. In Astoria, the Sunset Empire Transportation District will [suspend operations](#) on Sunday. Huddlers in the area suspect it will have a significant impact on patients and staff. In other areas of the state, school nurses have had to seek collaborative agreements with private transportation services to get their patients and families to specialty care appointments.

Division 47: The Board reapproved sections 0065 and 0070 of Division 47, which will move forward to a rule hearing in May and be put forward for adoption in June to be filed with the Oregon Secretary of State. A separate rule hearing will be scheduled sometime in May, where testimony can be given regarding those two sections.

Announcements:

LAST DAY! The extended [grant opportunity](#) for Long-Term Care facilities will **close today**. Hurry and get your applications in! Don't miss out on this funding opportunity of up to \$50,000 for ten projects.

Agenda Posted: OCN's [Nurse Wellness conference](#) agenda has been posted! Seats are running out: [Register today!](#)

**NEXT HUDDLE:
FRIDAY, MAY 05, 8 A.M.**

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