



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: June 2, 2023

Nursing Workforce

Updates to CMS Guidelines: CMS announced yesterday its [rolling back vaccine mandates](#). Huddlers discussed the change for healthcare professionals and how it impacts nursing students navigating clinical placements with practice partners. Additional guidance is needed based on [other updated guidelines](#) from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). OCN will contact OHA for clarity on this matter and share insights soon.

Defining Fully Vaccinated: We discussed the definition of *fully vaccinated*, considering boosters and bivalent iterations of the COVID-19 vaccine. One Huddler pointed out that it is highly dependent on your vaccine history. The CDC offers one [definition of being fully vaccinated](#) in its FAQ section.

OSBN Listserv: Don't forget to [update your registration](#) with the OSBN mailing list after its platform migration on June 1! You must re-register to continue receiving updates from the organization.

Nursing Education

Barriers to Nursing Education: This week's conversation covered various barriers to nursing education at length. Inconsistencies and lack of clarity around vaccine requirements for clinical placement sites make coordinating student placement assignments difficult. Huddler Caroline Wildhaber, a staff member at George Fox University and board member for the Student Max Consortium, offered herself as a resource on the topic and can be reached at cwildhaber@georgefox.edu.

We also discussed how to evaluate simulation-based education in various nursing education programs statewide. It is a powerful teaching tool but not an apple-to-apples trade for clinical learning opportunities. Another Huddler pointed out that practice partners are critical in helping navigate these barriers and should be part of the conversation. Finally, attendees shared the following as additional reading:

- [Are Traditional and Simulated Clinical Environments Meeting Nursing Students' Learning Needs?](#)
- [Traditional Clinical Outcomes in Prelicensure Nursing Education: An Empty Systematic Review](#)

Events and Happenings

Did you know? Today, June 2, is National Donut Day. Yesterday also kicked off Pride Month and Men's Health Month.

Nourishment for Nurses of Color Event: Join the Alliance of Black Nurses Association of Oregon (ABNAO), in collaboration with Trauma Informed Oregon (TIO), for [a workshop tomorrow](#) in McMinnville, Oregon. The event addresses BILPOC burnout in nursing and how to cultivate a trauma-informed approach to well-being.

Grand Rounds with Cynda Rushton: Join Asante's Wellbeing visiting professor Cynda Rushton, PhD, RN, FAAN, for a Grand Rounds session that aims to help nurses and providers rebuild their resilience after the events of the past three years. The event happens on Wednesday, June 7, at 8 a.m. and is open to attendees via Microsoft Teams. [Learn more and find dial-in information here.](#)

NAHN Annual Conference: The National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) will host its annual conference July 11-14 in Portland, Oregon. Early bird registration ends on June 5. [Learn more and register here.](#)

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