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Oregon Center for
NURSING

FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

Nursing Workforce

Nurse License Compact: Huddlers requested to continue the conversation around Oregon and the [Nurse Licensure Compact](#) (NLC) in preparation for the 2025 legislative session, particularly since Washington State [entered into the compact](#) earlier this year. OSBN reports that nurses communicating through its polls indicate interest in NLC involvement, but legislative leaders have yet to outweigh potential risks in continued conversations over the years. A suggestion was made to have a list of pros and cons available to help inform opinions. Huddlers agreed intentional, proactive conversation and action are essential, and should include leaders who both support and oppose the topic.

HECC Grant Reviewers Needed: The Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) seeks volunteers to review applications for its second round of workforce-ready grants. Learn more and [submit your application](#) by Monday, July 10.

Air Conditioner and Air Filter Access for Oregonians in Need: As summer temperatures rise, this is an opportunity to remind everyone about the Oregon Health Authority's Oregon Air Conditioner and Air Filter Deployment Program. Specific qualification guidelines and referral information are available on the [OHA website](#).

New OSBN Executive Director: In a special session last week, OSBN met to discuss the final candidates for the position of Executive Director. Rachel Prusak announced at the Huddle today that she was selected and is awaiting the official Board vote scheduled on July 19.

Nursing Education

Application Approval for New Nurses: Huddlers discussed the timeline of new graduates receiving their licenses after successfully passing the NCLEX. Delays are often a result of errors made in the submission process, which require manual updates from Oregon State Board of Nursing employees. OSBN reports it is increasing the number of staff with access to making those updates, as well as preparing a new FAQ to guide students.

Student Vaccine Requirements: Many clinical placement partners are still actively working to update their vaccine requirements for nursing students. For example, PeaceHealth reports students will adhere to the same guidelines as staff.

Events and Happenings

NAHN Annual Conference: National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) is hosting its annual conference next week in downtown Portland, Oregon. OCN Executive Director Jana Bitton will present at the event, discussing data-driven strategies for diversifying the nursing workforce. There is still an opportunity to register—[click here for information](#).

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, July 14, at 8:00 a.m.

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