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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

OHSU and Legacy Join Forces: This week's news about [OHSU and Legacy Health merging](#) into a single healthcare entity spurred much discussion. While [the announcement](#) is still fresh, Huddlers commented on the potential impact on clinical placements, clinical placement affiliation, and overall patient care. The Oregon Nurses Association also put out an [official statement](#) about the acquisition.

Outstanding Nurse Preceptor Awards: Do you know someone in your organization who positively impacts new team members? Or do you have a preceptor who left a lasting impression on your own career? We want to hear about them! [Submit your nomination](#) by September 1 at 5 p.m. (PST). And save the date for our Outstanding Nurse Preceptor Awards Event, held virtually on October 4 at noon.

Hiring New Nursing Graduates: Huddlers discussed a steady stream of new graduate nurses starting residency programs across the state. According to Asante Health, there has also been an increase in experienced applicants. Huddlers reported seeing more out-of-state candidates, suggesting that nurses are migrating toward Oregon and those on travel contracts are choosing to remain in the state. However, vacancies remain high and economic upturn might result in more experienced nursing professionals entering retirement.

Nursing Education

Back to School: Nursing programs across the state are gearing up for a new school year, with students returning as soon as Monday at Warner Pacific. Our academic Huddlers reported that enrollment in nursing programs continues to increase, including the University of Portland, Bushnell University, Portland Community College, and Concordia University, St. Paul. Clinical faculty recruitment remains a priority as programs work to fill educator seats.

Events and Happenings

Free NWONL Webinar: Join the Northwest Organization of Nurse Leaders (NWONL) for a workshop around conflict resolution and accepting feedback. This virtual training is available to members and non-members on Thursday, August 24, at 3 p.m. Attendees are eligible for continuing education hours. [Register online!](#)

OHA Welcomes Commentary in Springfield: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is hosting a public comment session to gain perspective on a proposed 50-bed inpatient rehabilitation facility in Springfield, Oregon. The in-person meeting happens on Tuesday, August 29, at 1 p.m. and is open to the public. [Learn more here.](#)

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, August 25, at 8:00 a.m.

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