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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

COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Oregon: Huddlers discussed the upcoming cold and flu season, as well as its impact on healthcare professionals. Providence reported it is being impacted by the number of caregivers out sick with COVID-19. Meanwhile, PeaceHealth Riverbend has returned to masking in direct patient care. We also explored how the nursing community can help. It is important to endorse flexibility in the profession while we care for the community, support people's right to choose what's best for them, and model appropriate masking habits.

Updates from OSBN: Executive Director Rachel Prusak shared numerous updates and reminders about OSBN happenings. The next public board meeting is scheduled for September 20-21. [Learn more about virtual attendance here](#). This is also a great time to subscribe to the [official OSBN mailing list](#). Finally, the OSBN office is adjusting its visitor policy; access to the building is by appointment to ensure staff safety. However, the organization will be reopening its call center soon.

New Resources for Division 47: OSBN has issued helpful new documentation on Division 47, including [Nurse Practice Act educational presentational materials](#) and the [Community-Based RN Delegation Process](#). A RAC on Division 47 will be scheduled sometime in October.

Nurse Interns: One Huddler inquired about the scope of practice for nurse interns, including starting IVs and performing saline flushes. According to OSBN, Oregon is one of five states with a nurse intern license type. However, it is underutilized. OSBN is confirming specific details about the scope of practice and will provide OCN with additional information to share soon.

Nursing Education

George Fox University Intergenerational Nursing Leadership Cafe: Do you know a nurse who lives or works in Yamhill County who may be interested in improving the individual and collective wellness of nursing through relational culture change? George Fox University, College of Nursing, is looking for professional nurses (LPN, RN, NP, Nursing educator/leader) to join their eight-month Intergenerational Nursing Leadership Cafe pilot program beginning October 6, 2023 (6-7:30 p.m. PST). Seven free seats are available—first come, first served. Learn more [here](#) or email Julie Oyemaja (joyemaja@georgefox.edu) to apply by October 1, 2023.

Events and Happenings

OCN Simulation Journal Club: Join us for our monthly Simulation Journal Club—happening September 25 at 3:30 via Zoom. This hour-long discussion explores new research in the nursing education space and is eligible for CE credits. [Learn more and RSVP on our website](#).

Nurse Staffing Task Force ECHO® Series: Join the American Nurses Association for a free five-part interactive webinar series that explores strategies to address the current nurse staffing crisis. The series begins in mid-September. [Learn more and RSVP here](#).

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, September 15, at 8:00 a.m.

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