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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

Organized Nurse Response During States of Emergency: Huddlers discussed the best way to connect with and mobilize nurses during a state of emergency. From January's ice storm to [the impending Cascadia earthquake](#), there is an ongoing need to organize healthcare professionals in the middle of emergencies. One Huddler pointed out that disaster relief nursing has [numerous requirements and training](#) that could be a barrier. Still, attendees agreed that community-wide efforts could be made to address accessibility. Huddlers also discussed that communication channels for reaching volunteer nurses during emergencies must be considered, as well as the geographic locations that volunteers are asked to travel to or mobilize at.

OSBN Updates: Director Rachel Prusak shared that the OSBN is in the process of adding new members to the Board. The nine-member governing board includes healthcare professionals and members of the public with diverse backgrounds. [Visit the OSBN website to learn more](#) about its current board members and the dates for upcoming public meetings.

Oregon's 2024 Legislative Session: The state legislature is in session through March 10. This year's "short session" includes [numerous nursing-focused bills](#) that address various workforce topics—including workplace violence, licensure, nurse faculty, and more. The Oregon Center for Nursing is proactively monitoring at least five of these bills directly connected to Oregon nurses.

Compassionate Caregivers of the Year Award: Do you know a particular nurse worth celebrating? The Schwartz Center is currently accepting nominations for its National Compassionate Caregivers of the Year® Award. [Learn more and submit a nomination before March 29, 2024.](#)

Volunteer with NACNEP: The [National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice \(NACNEP\)](#) seeks new members. The council advises the Secretary of the HRSA and the U.S. Congress on numerous nursing workforce topics. To apply, contact bhwadvisorycouncilfrn@hrsa.gov.

Nursing Education

Call for Comments on CCNE: The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) [seeks public input on an updated version of its proposed Standards](#) for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs. Huddlers are encouraged to look at the key elements addressing education programs evaluating preceptors. Please email comments about the proposed Standards to ccnestandards@ccneaccreditation.org by February 22, 2024.

Events and Happenings

Register for the 2024 Nursing Practice Transitions Conference: Tickets for the NPT Conference are on sale now. Hear from keynote speakers, including Dr. Patricia Benner and Dr. Dan Weberg, and dozens of innovative nursing leaders across the Pacific Northwest. We expect the conference to sell out, so you can [save \\$50 with early bird pricing when you purchase tickets](#) before February 20.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, February 16, at 8:00 a.m.

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