Date: March 22, 2024



FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

Nursing Workforce

Did you know? This week marks the fourth Anniversary of the Friday Huddle. The weekly video call that started during COVID-19 has grown into a statewide digital community. Four years later, the Friday Huddle Community has inspired projects like the <u>Oregon Nursing Practice Transitions Conference</u> and the <u>RN Well-being Project</u>, as well as informed initiatives such as the <u>Oregon Wellness Project</u>. Huddlers shared the meaningful things that the Friday Huddle has given them, including new connections and friends, broadened perspectives, and collaboration opportunities.

Nurses4All Survey: There are only a few days left for registered nurses in Oregon to participate in the Nurses4All Survey. Nurses are encouraged to check their emails with survey instructions. By completing the survey, they can also access a Continuing Education (CE) credit opportunity. For more information about the Nurses4All project and its impact, <u>click here</u>.

Nursing and CNA Ratios: As the nurse staffing law is implemented across the state, Huddlers discusses the ongoing struggles facilities and healthcare systems face. Huddlers agreed that it is essential that nurses and CNAs are educated on their rights under these new laws. Additional resources are available through the <u>Oregon Health Authority (OHA)</u> and the <u>Oregon Nurses Association (ONA)</u>.

Nursing Education

Finding Clinical Placements and Educators: Huddlers discussed strategies for securing clinical placement opportunities for nursing students. Common tactics included networking, cold calling, and building meaningful relationships. One Huddler pointed out post-acute care and rehabilitation facilities as worthwhile targets for educators to explore. In addition, educators agreed that faculty roles in specialty areas, such as mental health and pediatrics, remain the hardest positions to fill.

Events & Happenings

National Public Health Week Events: In honor of National Public Health Week, April 1 to 7, the American Public Health Association is hosting various free educational events. <u>Click here to view</u> the event schedule and register.

Workforce Wellness for Mid-Level Leaders: Join NEON on April 16 for its <u>Workforce Wellness for Mid-Level Leaders</u> workshop. The three-hour training explores the standards and practice application of workplace wellness. NEON also hosts <u>numerous educational opportunities</u> throughout the year, focusing on healthcare in Eastern and rural Oregon communities.

Next Friday Huddle:

Find OCN Online:

Friday, March 29, at 8:00 a.m.

Register Here!

<u>www.oregoncenterfornursing.org</u>





