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FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

Friday Huddle Summer Vacation: There will be no Friday Huddle on August 9th and August 16th. You can always check [the OCN Event Calendar](#) for upcoming dates.

Nursing Workforce

Future Ready Oregon Call for Reviewers: The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) calls for volunteers to help review the next round of Future Ready Oregon Workforce Ready Grant applications. Additional information on the [volunteer process is available here](#)—due by August 1.

COVID-19 Summer Bump: New data suggests that COVID-19 cases are [rising in several regions of the United States](#) this summer, including Arizona, California, and Nevada. Meanwhile, coronavirus cases are up almost 9 percent across the United States. The latest information about COVID-19 in Oregon is available from [the Oregon Health Authority](#).

Nursing Education

Finding Clinical Placement Solutions: Huddlers discussed the ongoing challenges to finding clinical placements and preceptor practicum for nursing students. Following the implementation of Oregon's latest staffing guidelines and ratios, educators explored the potential impact these new nurse-to-patient ratios might have on clinical learning. Educators also reported they continue to hear that post-pandemic staffing levels pose challenges for acute care healthcare systems' ability to accommodate nursing students. Huddlers recognized the immense commitment that nurse preceptors take on when mentoring students or orienting new employees. Finally, we discussed the potential that community-based clinical placements offer to nursing students, including increased placement availability and unique learning opportunities for students outside of acute care settings.

Upcoming Events

Black Care Matters Community Event: Join Black Care Matters for a community conversation about navigating racism in the healthcare workplace and building a trauma-informed community of support. This free event is open to the public and will take place on August 10 from 1 to 5 p.m. on the University of Portland campus—[RSVP in advance here](#).

OSBN Lunch & Learn Educational Event: Join the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) for its first Lunch and Learn on August 5 from noon to 1 p.m. Policy analysts will discuss the newest revisions to Division 45 of the Nurse Practice Act. Attendees are encouraged to [review OAR 851-045](#) before the event. [Click here to access the Microsoft Teams Meeting at the designated event time](#).

Rural Health Community Conversations: Oregon's Office of Rural Health welcomes rural community members and partners for its [Community Conversations series](#), an ongoing, bimonthly virtual event to discuss pressing rural health topics. The next virtual conversation happens on July 25, 2024.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, July 19, at 8:00 a.m.

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