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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 Break: There will be no Friday Huddle on August 9th and 16th. You can also check [the OCN event calendar](#) for upcoming dates. We will see you in late August!

Nursing Workforce

Nurse Recognition Programs: Huddlers discussed the importance of nurse recognition programs and explored what a state-wide recognition program might look like for Oregon. Award programs already exist, such as [the DAISY Awards](#) and the [OCN Outstanding Preceptor Awards](#), as well as recognized awareness periods, such as [National Nurses Week](#). Huddlers emphasized the need to support and celebrate nurses in diverse practice areas like public health and schools and the excitement of hearing about nurses beyond their individual organizations and communities. We also discussed that a statewide recognition program offers the opportunity to highlight innovation and “out of the box” thinking, which can inspire new approaches and learning. Finally, Huddlers agreed that developing a wide range of award categories and specialties would be necessary. There are also opportunities to involve nursing students and establish partnerships with employers and healthcare organizations.

NurseLearn Launches Free Learning Program: As of August 1, 2024, NurseLearn's free Standard Program, a first-of-its-kind community-based care training curriculum for nurses, launches for all Oregon-licensed nurses. The Program's 30 online learning modules cover six of the most important topics in community-based care nursing and, upon completion, award Continuing Education Contact Hours. To register, visit nurselearn.com.

Social Determinants of Health Screening Tools: New research explored nurses' role in assessing a client's social determinants of health. These factors are estimated to determine “up to 80% of a person's health.” [Read the study online.](#)

March of Dimes Heroes in Action Awards: Nominate an outstanding Oregon nurse for a 2024 March of Dimes Heroes in Action award. [Nominations are open now](#) and will be accepted through August 15. Honorees will be celebrated at the Signature Chefs Feeding Motherhood Gala in November 7.

Upcoming Events

Nurses of Color Collective (NOCC) August Gathering: Nursing students and licensed nurses identifying as BIPOC are invited to join NOCC for [its monthly virtual gathering](#) on Thursday, August 8, at 8 p.m. (PST). Discuss current challenges or experiences and brainstorm together what will help us thrive in our practice, whether as a student or licensed nurse. This event will be hosted over Zoom, and [advanced registration is required](#).

CNA Consolidation Lunch & Learn: Join the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) on Wednesday, August 28, at 1 p.m. to explore the merging of CNA-1 and CNA-2 licenses. This virtual event is open to anyone interested in attending. Visit [the OSBN website](#) for additional information.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, August 23, at 8:00 a.m.

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