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FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

Nursing Workforce

Updated COVID Vaccine FAQs: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) published an updated resource to answer some of the most common questions about the 2024-2025 coronavirus vaccination. This patient-friendly FAQ [document is available online](#).

Oregon Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP): The education-focused GWEP program aims to educate and train Oregon's healthcare workforce to provide age-friendly and dementia-friendly care for older adults. Training opportunities and [mentorship support](#) are available through June 2029. Contact the GWEP team at gwep@ohsu.edu with questions or to explore training opportunities.

Nursing Education

Expanding Clinical Placements for Nursing Students: Huddlers discussed how we can address the growing challenges of securing clinical placements for undergraduate nursing students, especially as new education programs are established. Attendees in nursing education pointed out that limited availability for placements continues to be a barrier for Oregon's nursing programs. Faculty are also challenged to supervise students who are split across numerous units and buildings of a clinical site. Similarly, healthcare systems emphasize their desire to provide placement opportunities but cite limited staffing and a shortage of nursing school faculty to support and supervise students while on site adequately. Some facilities have explored hiring educated clinical education staff to help support student cohorts during on-site learning. Huddlers also explored the telepresence-based oversight model, where nursing faculty would be available to students through virtual platforms like video calls. This [model of virtual preceptorship](#) is already being piloted in other states, but concerns about patient privacy and HIPAA compliance still exist. Healthcare systems are already looking at [ways to implement virtual nursing solutions](#) in acute care settings.

Upcoming Events

Outstanding Preceptor Award Ceremony: Join OCN and Oregon's nursing community as we celebrate our [2024 Outstanding Nurse Preceptor honorees](#) on Wednesday, September 18, at 8:30 a.m. Representative Travis Nelson joins us as a guest for this virtual event. This is a free and public event, but [advanced registration is required](#).

"Everybody's Work: Healing What Hurts Us All" Film Screening: The Nurses of Color Collective, in collaboration with OSBN and the University of Portland School of Nursing, is hosting a documentary screening and panel discussion featuring the SHIFT Films documentary, "[Everybody's Work: Healing What Hurts Us All. Examining what is being done to address racism in nursing and healthcare](#)." The public screening is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Buckley Center Auditorium on the University of Portland campus. [Learn more and RSVP here](#).

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, September 20, at 8:00 a.m.

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