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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

Free CHW Training for Rural Healthcare Systems: Rural hospitals and healthcare facilities across Oregon are invited to take advantage of free community health worker (CHW) training opportunities hosted by NEON. Applications are due by Friday, November 1. [Download the flyer with more information here.](#)

Healthcare Worker Influenza Vaccination Dashboard: According to a new interactive dashboard, approximately 61 percent of Oregon's healthcare workforce has gotten a flu shot this year. Hosted by the Oregon Health Authority, the dashboard offers insights into the number of workers who received an influenza vaccination by practice area or facility and the trends over time.

Nursing Education

Making Nursing School Accessible: Inspired by last week's call, Huddlers continued the conversation on removing barriers to nursing school enrollment. Many nursing school curriculums emphasize hours in the classroom, but a move towards competency-based education has the potential to help accelerate student progression. For example, one nurse educator pointed out her program's transition from traditional academic papers to activities to show student competency. There are also opportunities for clinical partners and employers to explore creative solutions. For example, several systems are opening opportunities for weekend clinical placement. Finally, Huddlers agreed that costly tuition and debt can disway students, along with the financial burden it can cause for decades after graduation. Programs such as the [Public Service Loan Forgiveness \(PSLF\) program](#) are essential resources for students to understand.

The Oregon Nursing Education Academy: In an effort to support the nurse educator workforce in Oregon, the OHSU [Oregon Nursing Education Academy \(ONEA\)](#) hosts two exciting opportunities for aspiring nursing education professionals. The Preceptor Scholar Program is a six-month program in which students will be enrolled in two graduate-level nursing education courses that are part of OHSU's School of Nursing Master's in Nursing Education program. Students hone their teaching and mentorship skills to support new nurse graduates and employees better. The application deadline is Friday, December 15. Additionally, the Clinical Nursing Faculty Scholar program provides a full scholarship to OHSU's Master's in Nursing Education (MNE) program. [A downloadable and printable flyer is available here.](#)

Events & Happenings

OHSU's 2024 Puhaty Lecture: Join Dr. Margaret Moss for a live presentation on October 21 at 6 p.m. Dr. Moss is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota and a leader in nursing, health policy, and Indigenous health advocacy. [Registration is required for the live event](#); a live stream of the presentation will also be available.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, October 25, at 8:00 a.m.

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