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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

Oregon's Legislative Session: State lawmakers are back to work with a wide variety of healthcare and nursing-focused bills proposed for this year's session. [Download a PDF version of OCN's bill tracker here.](#) A web-based version will be available soon.

Healthcare Workforce Shortages Map: How does Oregon's healthcare workforce compare to nationwide trends? The Advisory Board published [an interactive map that showcases worker and provider shortages](#) by state.

Immigration Enforcement in Healthcare: Huddlers discussed how [new presidential orders surrounding immigration might impact](#) healthcare settings, including a [similar raid carried out in New Jersey](#) earlier this week. State employees and agencies, such as those at Oregon State Hospital, have been mandated training on the issues. Other institutions like Salem Health and Kaiser Permanente have begun rolling out information and resources to staff. Despite this, there are significant fears that such immigration enforcement may deter individuals from seeking necessary care. Huddlers emphasized the critical role of nurses in advocating for patients. In addition, as [federal healthcare agencies halted external communications this past week](#), sharing accurate information and fostering dialogue within networks is essential. Finally, Huddlers agreed on the importance of caring for each other as well as the communities they work with.

Nursing Education

Linfield Disability Inclusion in Nursing Grant: Congratulations to the Linfield University School of Nursing! The school was [awarded more than \\$180,000 by the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation](#) to explore the barriers that individuals living with disabilities face when entering the nursing profession. The research will help develop a "data-informed framework to develop training modules nursing schools can use to address accessibility."

Events & Happenings

NurseLearn Annual Conference: Join NurseLearn at its first-ever conference, "From Challenges Solutions: Advancing Community-Based Care Nursing!" on March 21, 2025, for a day of thought-provoking presentations led by community-based care (CBC) leaders in Oregon. Nurses and other CBC professionals, enhance your knowledge and practice with breakout sessions covering three tracks: Nursing Leadership, RN Delegation, and Managing Resident Behaviors! [See the full conference schedule here.](#)

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, January 31, at 8:00 a.m.

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