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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 Eating Disorders Training Series: The Oregon Health Authority invites you to a [free virtual training series on eating disorders](#) and providing care for those living with them.

NCSBN Regulatory Scholars Program: The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) invites doctoral-level nursing students or faculty to [apply for the 2025 Regulatory Scholars Program](#). This eight-week paid experience in Chicago introduces scholars to nursing regulation and policy, which directly impacts nursing education, practice, licensure, and more.

Nursing Boards Urged to Drop Mental Health Questions: Did you know that Nursing licensing boards in 30 states ask questions about mental illness on their applications? Nursing leaders across the United States have [discussed the need to remove such questions from nursing licensing processes](#), including NCSBN, which is expected to publish a national recommendation to remove invasive screening questions. The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) is already working to remove mental health-related questions in its license application.

ANA Virtual Series Equity in Action: Formerly known as ECHO on Racism in Nursing, this eight-part virtual series brings together leading voices to address systemic racism in the nursing profession. [Register for the "Dismantling Racism in Nursing" series](#).

Nursing Education

Creating Inclusive Clinical Placements for Students: Huddlers explored the opportunities and barriers to offering clinical placement opportunities that meet the learner's unique needs, such as limited mobility or assistive devices. Currently, OSBN does not regulate adaptive clinical placement experiences, which leaves the decision-making process up to schools and their clinical partners. Huddlers agreed that nursing offers various roles that can accommodate different abilities. One Huddler shared her experience as a clinical placement coordinator, reporting that it was possible to find opportunities for students that accommodate everything from service animals to more frequent rest periods. Collaboration between schools and clinical placement sites, as well as proactive communication, can be essential for helping find the right fit for a student with specific needs. Considering clinical placement opportunities within case management, phone triage, and telehealth is just one approach. But Huddlers also agreed there is no perfect solution. Linfield University recently [received grant funding](#) to research how to remove barriers for nursing students with disabilities and create a framework for supporting them. In addition, [nursing professionals like Andrea Dalzell](#) have risen as advocates for making the nursing profession more accessible.

Events & Happenings

NWONL Annual Conference: Join the [Northwest Organization of Nurse Leaders \(NWONL\) for its conference](#) on Sunday, May 18, to Tuesday, May 20, in Portland. This year's conference topics include creating healthy workplaces, fostering staff development, and more.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, February 14, at 8:00 a.m.

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