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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

Healthcare Simulation Coffee Talk: If you enjoyed OCN's Simulation Journal Club series, you will not want to miss its next chapter with our friends at OHSU, who are championing simulation programming into 2024. Help with the planning of a Healthcare Simulation Coffee Talk by completing [this survey](#), and then stay tuned for updates coming soon.

HB 2697 Rules Comments: Public commentary is currently being accepted for HB 2697. Send comments to publichealth.rules@odhsoha.oregon.gov by April 22. There is also a public hearing to be held on April 16. [Click here for additional information and learn how to join the call.](#)

Exploring Long-term Impacts of COVID-19 Webinar: Join the Health Workforce Technical Assistance Center (HWTAC) for [a webinar on April 4, 2024](#). The virtual event will explore the experiences of registered nurses during the coronavirus pandemic and their changed understanding of what it means to be "a good nurse."

Updates from OSBN: The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) is hard at work with [numerous Rule Advisory Committees](#). These working groups, commonly called RACs, help evaluate and recommend updates to existing divisions of the Nurse Practice Act. Current work includes Division 47, about nursing delegation, and Division 31, about the nurse licensing process.

Nursing Education

Mental Health Education in Nursing School and Transition to Practice: Huddlers discussed nursing school curriculum related to psychiatric and mental health nursing. While many programs dedicate a single course to the topic, many Huddlers agreed on integrating mental health care into all aspects of nursing education. The conversation continued to the nurse residency program curriculum. One Huddler pointed out that she often witnesses new graduates who are overwhelmed and under-prepared for the behavioral health concerns that can manifest alongside complex medication conditions. Huddlers also agreed that mental health should be addressed from individual and peer-to-peer perspectives, including topics such as burnout and resilience, to better support students in their transition to practice.

Events & Happenings

National Forum Conference Registration: Kick off summer in San Diego, California, for the [National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers Annual Conference!](#) Explore nursing workforce trends, programming, and innovations from across the country in this three-day event, happening June 17-19, 2024. Early bird registration ends on Sunday, March 31.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, April 5, at 8:00 a.m.

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