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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

Technician/UAP Roles in Patient Care: Following the recent news of the impending combination of CNA-1 and CNA-2 licenses, one Huddler raised a question about utilizing patient care technicians in healthcare settings. Compared to a certified nursing assistant, technicians are often unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) without a regulated scope of practice. Huddlers discussed balancing effective task delegation with providing the best patient experience when utilizing UAPs who might approach essential aspects, such as patient education, differently than a nurse. If any in the Friday Huddle community is hiring or increasing the number of nurse techs/UAPs working in their facilities, Huddler Jan Buhmann of Samaritan Health would like to connect: jbuhmann@samhealth.org.

Nurses on Environmental Changes: As summer temperatures creep upward, we are reminded about the impacts of the environment and climate on our patients and community health. The [Alliances of Nurses for Healthy Environments](#) is a professional organization for nursing professionals interested in driving positive change for our environment. The website also provides [a wide range of educational resources](#) on environmental topics.

Nursing Education

Learning the Art of Patient Interaction: Huddlers also discussed how we approach educating nursing students on client interactions and therapeutic communication—particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic. Huddlers working in the education sector pointed out that students tend to focus heavily on clinical skills, but simulation learning can effectively practice patient communication skills. We also explored the nursing profession's foundational aspects of care and compassion. While many assume that empathy and compassion are innate traits within today's nursing students, teaching these incoming nurses how to hone and express those attributes in their clinical practice is an important piece of education. Finally, Huddlers discussed how financial incentives drive individual motivation to enter the nursing profession beyond the call to be a “helper.”

Upcoming Events

Nursing Community Event Calendar: OCN is excited to share our [Nursing Community Event Calendar](#), another new addition to our relaunched website. We want to hear about your events, workshops, and conferences! [Submit your upcoming event](#) to be added and featured on the event calendar. We ask that events be nursing- or healthcare-centric based in Oregon or virtually.

Everybody's Work Screening & Panel Discussion: Nurses of Color Collective (NOCC) invites the Friday Huddle community to a screening of the SHIFT Films documentary, “Everybody's Work: Healing What Hurts Us All. *Examining what is being done to address racism in nursing and healthcare.*” Click here to [preview the official trailer](#). The screening event is scheduled for September 19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Buckley Center Auditorium (University of Portland Campus). This event is open to the public, and an RSVP is appreciated—[click here](#).

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, July 26, at 8:00 a.m.

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