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Oregon Center for
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FRIDAY HUDDLE

A gathering of Oregon nursing workforce leaders to offer timely updates and share insights from peers and stakeholders.

Friday Huddle Update - Mobilize Community: We will be phasing out the space on October 31 for anyone who utilizes our Mobilize community. Due to increased fees, the Mobilize platform is no longer a cost-effective tool. All user data will be removed at the end of October—no action is required. You will continue to access the weekly Friday Huddle Zoom call as usual. Friday Huddle Summaries will be shared via email, and past summaries are accessible through the new [Friday Huddle Summaries Archive](#) on our website.

Nursing Workforce

Legislative Days: Government leaders [have convened in Salem for a short session](#). According to Representative Travis Nelson, Measure 110, The Basic Health Plan, and mergers and acquisitions are on the agenda. Other bills address scheduling transparency for healthcare workers, mandated hospital finance reporting, and more.

Free COVID-19 Tests: Starting this week, community members can once again order free COVID-19 tests. You can receive four tests per residential address. Orders can be placed [online via this website](#) and will be delivered via USP

Nursing Education

Competency-Based Learning for Students and New Grads: Huddlers dove deep into nursing competencies and bridging the gap between the classroom and clinical practice. The [AACN Essentials](#) outline core competencies that nursing school curriculums should address. Huddlers in education, such as the University of Portland, discussed their ongoing efforts to meet these standards. However, Huddlers agreed that a well-rounded nursing education goes beyond essential clinical skills. Skills like critical thinking, advocacy, and communication are also crucial. Some recent graduates struggle with these soft skills, potentially due to the COVID-19 pandemic's effect on education and online learning. Huddlers working with new graduates in clinical settings also chimed in, discussing the investment many facilities make in their onsite Skill Labs to help bridge the gap for recent graduates and build their confidence during the transition to practice. We also identified the [importance of psychological safety](#) in both the classroom and clinical learning environments, as it allows students to speak up and ask for help when needed.

Events and Happenings

Outstanding Nurse Preceptor Awards Ceremony: Join us to celebrate our 2023 Outstanding Nurse Preceptors honorees at a virtual event on Wednesday, October 4, at noon (PST). This year, we honor 24 nurses from around the state. [Learn more and RSVP here](#).

Simulation Journal Club: Mark your calendars for the last two [Simulation Journal Club sessions](#) of the year. In addition, OCN is excited to work with our friends at OHSU to support this event series in 2024—stay tuned for updates soon!

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, October 6, at 8:00 a.m.

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