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FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

Note: Interested in “Hoary Potter,” the Oregon bat who won the Bureau of Land Management’s annual Bat Beauty Contest? As promised, you can [read the full story \(with pictures\) here](#).

Nursing Workforce

Help Us Share OCN’s Impact: Has OCN positively impacted your nursing career? We would love to hear from you! Features involve submitting a short written statement about your experience with OCN. No photos or videos are required. If you’re interested in contributing, please email us at callie.gisler@oregoncenterfornursing.org.

Nationwide IV Shortage: Huddlers discussed the [IV fluid shortage plaguing healthcare systems nationwide](#). While some care settings, such as ambulatory clinics, have maintained normal operations, numerous acute care facilities are still rationing fluid usage and rescheduling nonessential procedures. Relationships with supply vendors and supply chain changes also impact supply availability. With shortages expected to persist for several more weeks, Huddlers also explored how “just in time” supply approaches can negatively impact healthcare services during natural disasters, pandemics, and other emergencies. Finally, Huddlers underscored the need for systemic change in producing and distributing essential medical supplies.

Serve as an OSBN Board Member: The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) seeks CNAs and LPNs to represent open license-specific seats in 2025. As a member, you'll participate in virtual meetings for seven months and attend five 2-day, in-person meetings each year. Members of the OSBN Board actively shape decisions on education, discipline, licensing, and policy in the nursing profession. [Learn more and apply online by November 15](#).

Improving the Safety of Behavioral Health Workers: State Representative [Travis Nelson and other task force members](#) welcome public input on recommendations and guidelines aimed at [improving the safety of Oregon’s behavior health workers](#). Anyone interested can [learn more and register online](#) before November 7.

CNA Consolidation and Tasks: Huddlers also explored the impending changes to CNA licensure across Oregon. The consolidation added only a few new tasks to [the existing CNA-1 scope of practice](#). It also delegates tasks associated with [the CNA-2 scope of practice](#) to employers to train and validate competencies based on their unique faculty protocols. This helps ensure that CNAs are up-to-date in their skills according to a healthcare system’s specific standards and protocols.

Events & Happenings

Academic-Practice Partnership Rounding: Join NWONL on November 6 at 11 a.m. for its November Leader Rounding event, part of a series that dives deeply into meaningfully advancing practice partnerships. [Learn more and register for the virtual event here](#).

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, November 8, at 8:00 a.m.

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