

Date: September 19, 2025



FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

Nurse Workforce

Friday Huddle: Extended Cut with Senator Merkley: Huddlers reflected on the key takeaways. The event underscored the importance of nurse voices in policy discussions and ensuring challenges faced by the nursing workforce are communicated to lawmakers, as there is a gap between nursing perspectives and policymaker understanding. You can find a recording of the Extended Cut on [OCN's YouTube page](#).

Future Friday Huddle: Extended Cut Topics: Huddlers discussed future Extended Cut topics that might be interesting to the nursing community, including representatives from the media, CCOs and others. If you have a topic you'd like OCN to explore further in a Friday Huddle: Extended Cut, please contact [Jana Bitton](#).

Workforce Shortages: [A recent survey](#) highlighted anticipated healthcare workforce shortages across multiple professions, not just nursing. Burnout and workload remain significant drivers of people leaving their positions.

Nurse Education

HECC Occupation Profiles: HECC released [healthcare occupation profiles](#) using Oregon Employment Department data. These profiles focus on high-demand, high-wage healthcare professions and may serve as resources for educators, policymakers, and students.

Events & Resources

OHA Hospital [Staffing Law Changes Webinar Recording](#): OHA covered the new staffing law changes in HB3294.

NAM Webinar: [Pivoting with Purpose to Sustain Well-Being](#), held on September 25th at 1pm.

Outstanding Nurse Preceptor Event: This week, OCN honored 20 outstanding nurse preceptors. If you missed the event, or you'd like to rewatch it, [watch the full event](#) on YouTube.

Vaccine Recommendations: The West Coast Health Alliance [released their vaccine recommendations](#) for COVID-19, influenza, and RSV.

NWONL Regional Meeting: The Northwest Organization of Nurse Leaders will meet on Friday, Sept 19 at 1:30 PM. Jana Bitton and Sofia Aragon (Washington Center for Nursing) will [co-present on workforce issues across Oregon and Washington](#).

Office of Rural Health Areas of [Unmet Needs Report/Map](#): Identifies unmet needs in Oregon, such as long travel times, primary care capacity, and amount of mental health providers.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, September 26th, at 8:00 a.m.

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