

Date: November 7, 2025



FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

Nurse Workforce

Food Insecurity and Social Determinants of Health: State funds covered November SNAP benefits while federal actions are sorted. SNAP disruptions increased social work referrals and exposed barriers like transportation, immigration fears, and dietary needs—highlighting the urgent need for coordinated food support, sustained volunteer manpower, and community partnership. Nursing schools, local businesses, and regional coalitions are expanding pantries and meal efforts to close resource gaps statewide.

Workforce Disruptions: Recent health-system closures and layoffs—particularly in non-clinical and rural roles—are straining workers and communities. Huddlers called for quicker, more personal job connections to support those displaced beyond standard online applications.

Licensing Modernization: OSBN Executive Director Rachel Prusak shared long-planned statute updates moving toward implementation in 2026, including a shift from practice-hour proof to CE for license renewal. OSBN will hold their November meeting next week. Agenda can be found [here](#).

Nurse Education

Friday Huddle: Extended Cut Reminder: Join us on Friday, November 14th, for a one-hour [RN Well-Being Webinar](#) that translates two years of statewide data into practical tools to reduce nurse stress, improve workplace systems, and advance well-being across Oregon's healthcare workforce.

H.E.A.R.T. Intensive Scholarship: invites nurses to a trauma-informed, restorative 5-day experience designed to rebuild balance, resilience, and self-compassion. Scholarships are now open for 2026. Learn more by attending an upcoming session. [Reserve your spot here.](#)

New UP Hybrid EdD - Nursing Education and Leadership: [University of Portland launched](#) a redesigned hybrid EdD with a Nursing Education & Leadership concentration—pairing applied research with flexible online/on-campus study for current and aspiring nurse educators.

Resources

Rural Health & Social Supports: Oregon submitted a \$1 billion [Rural Health Transformation Program request](#) under H.R. 1 to expand rural access—developed through public comments, listening sessions, and work with the Office of Rural Health.

Food Resources: You can find food resources at the Oregon Foodbank's [FoodFinder](#).

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, November 14th, at 8:00 a.m.

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