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Oregon Center for  
**NURSING**

# FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

## Nursing Education

**New Education Programs:** The University of Portland (UP) is launching a new Doctor of Education (EdD) program for Nursing Education/Leadership in 2026. To dispel rumors, Dean Joane Mocerri announced that the UP DNP program is NOT ending and will transition into a hybrid program with more online learning.

**Nursing School Application Trends:** Reports on application trends are mixed, with some schools receiving increased applications and some experiencing a significant drop in applications. Contributing factors to this drop might include rural access barriers and the emergence of for-profit schools with fewer prerequisites.

**Oregon Student Nurses Association Update:** Oregon is growing in student leadership visibility, as 25 OSNA members attended the National Student Nurses Association national conference and performed very well in leadership and parliamentary procedures. Jesse Mensik Kennedy from ONA encourages nursing programs across Oregon to help students form OSNA chapters, or re-engage students if the program's OSNA chapter is inactive. Please [contact Jesse](#) directly for mentorship on chapter setup, bylaw creation, and alignment with NSNA.

## Nursing Workforce

**Clinical Placement:** There is a growing shortage of clinical placement opportunities for existing Oregon schools. However, new out-of-state schools are receiving letters of support. Huddlers noted the dissonance of the situation and discussed the need for better coordination and policy reform to address this inconsistency.

**Emergency Preparedness:** The [Oregon Department of Emergency Management is facing federal funding cuts](#), effecting Oregon's ability to prepare for disasters. Nurses and nurse leadership should be aware of the impact this will have on Oregonians, and seek community-based emergency readiness alternatives.

## Events and Happenings

**Outstanding Nurse Preceptors Event:** OCN's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Preceptor Awards are coming up in September. If you are interested in being part of the volunteer committee for this event, please contact OCN at [hanna.stanley@oregoncenterfornursing.org](mailto:hanna.stanley@oregoncenterfornursing.org).

**"Nurse Unseen":** [Movie screening hosted by the Philippine Nurses Association of Oregon & Washington](#). Showing May 9<sup>th</sup> at Providence St. Vincent, starting at 6:30pm.

### Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, May 2nd, at 8:00 a.m.

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