



FRIDAY HUDDLE

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



NO HUDDLE THIS WEEK! OCN is closed in honor of Juneteenth.

NURSE WORKFORCE

Axios Article- Nursing home staffing rebounds from COVID levels: [Nursing home and residential care](#) staffing has largely recovered to pre-pandemic levels, reaching about 3.49 million workers nationally as of May, up from a low of roughly 2.96 million in early 2022. But an aging population and federal immigration policies could quickly reverse those gains, leaving long-term care facing more demand than its workforce can meet.

NAM Webinar- Leadership in Serious Illness Care, June 29/July 1: The National Academies' Roundtable on Quality Care for People with Serious Illness is hosting a [free two-part webinar series](#), "Leadership in Serious Illness Care", examining the need for leadership skills in palliative care and the case for sustained investment in the field. Drawing on the Sojourns Scholar Leadership Program and a national task force, the interdisciplinary sessions aim to elevate lessons learned, clarify where gaps in leadership development persist, and identify opportunities for further investment and innovation.

NWONL 2026 Annual Conference, Sept24/25 in Portland: The Northwest Organization of Nurse Leaders (NWONL) hosts its [2026 Annual Conference](#), "Leading Forward: Aligning Culture, Reimagining Workforce, Adapting Leadership," at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, offering up to 6.0 CE credits for licensed registered nurses. Sessions focus on healthy work environments and culture recovery, workforce wellness and sustainable staffing, strategic leadership in complex health systems, financial stewardship, and transformational leadership, innovation, and AI readiness.

Coalition for Health AI Playbooks: The Coalition for Health AI (CHAI) has published a series of [free AI Governance Playbooks](#) for healthcare organizations of any size looking to build or strengthen their governance of AI. Organized around CHAI's four-domain framework—AI Policy, Organizational Structures, Organizational Resources, and Organizational Processes—they offer practical templates and resources nurse leaders can use to help shape how AI is deployed safely in their settings.

NURSE EDUCATION

Faculty Onboarding Survey: OCN is conducting a [survey to evaluate how higher education institutions](#) (community colleges and universities) integrate national nursing competencies into their onboarding and orientation pathways. Specifically, it assesses the utilization of National League for Nursing (NLN) Core Competencies for nurse educators. This data will be used to inform a project in development to support nurse faculty at Oregon nursing programs statewide.

Linfield University Research Survey: Linfield University is conducting a research study exploring the attitudes of registered nurses toward nurses with disabilities. Please help out by completing the [Nurse's Attitudes Toward Nurses with Disabilities: Exploring the Workplace Environment](#) survey.

RESOURCES

Preceptor Recognition Nominations Now Open! Join OCN in our 6th year of recognizing the hard work and dedication of Oregon's preceptors. [Nominate a preceptor](#) you'd like to recognize from your organization to be included in the Sept. 23 Virtual Recognition Event. The deadline to submit nominations is Aug.15.

Sponsor OCN's October Nursing Conference: OCN will be hosting "[Caring for All, Diminishing None](#)" on Oct. 19. This full-day conference will bring together nurses, nurse leaders, nursing students and workforce leaders to learn more about the challenges of building healthy workplaces in healthcare. OCN is currently looking for sponsors to help offset the costs of both the conference, and support the overall work of the Center. Interested? Reach out to jana.bitton@oregoncenterfornursing.org.

June 19th - Happy Juneteenth! [Juneteenth](#) is the national holiday recognizing the effective end of slavery in the United States. The holiday represents both a celebration of Black freedom and an ongoing reflection on civil rights, equity, and the American experience.



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