



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. Happy 250th Birthday to the United States of America!

NURSE WORKFORCE

AP Article- Nursing Gains Professional Degree Designation for Student Loan Purposes: Students pursuing graduate degrees in [nursing will be eligible for higher federal student loan limits](#), at least for now, after a federal judge blocked part of a federal rule that had excluded nursing from the “professional programs” category. The temporary rule adds several nursing degrees, including the Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice, to the professional program list while litigation continues.

Oregon Health Forum- Healthcare is Carrying Oregon’s Economy. That Should Worry Us, July 14: [Oregon Health Forum will host an online discussion](#) on Monday, July 14, from 12:30–2:00 p.m. examining the role of healthcare in Oregon’s economy and what it means when one sector carries so much of the state’s economic activity. This conversation may be useful for nurse leaders, workforce partners, and policymakers thinking about healthcare employment, public investment, and long-term economic stability.

OHA Med-Surg RN-to-Patient Ratio Change: Oregon’s statutory medical-surgical RN-to-patient ratio changed on July 1. The Oregon Health Authority has posted a [Hospital Staffing video](#) with more information about the change and what hospitals, nurses, and staffing committees should know.

NURSE EDUCATION

Health Care Workforce Committee Meeting, July 8: The Oregon Health Authority’s Health Care Workforce Committee will meet on July 8 and are scheduled to discuss [the impacts of H.R. 1 on health education in Oregon](#).

End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium Free Training, Aug. 3–4: The Peaceful Presence Project is offering a [free End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium training](#) on Aug. 3–4. This training may be useful for nurses and other healthcare professionals who want to strengthen their skills in serious illness, palliative care, and end-of-life support.

RESOURCES

Preceptor Recognition Nominations Now Open: Join OCN in recognizing Oregon’s outstanding nurse preceptors. [Facilities are invited to submit preceptors](#) who have made a difference in Oregon’s nursing workforce, with honorees recognized during Nursing Professional Development Week on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 9 a.m. 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 admin@oregoncenterfornursing.org.

MedTreks International Southern Oregon Nurses Mini Retreat: MedTreks International is offering a [Southern Oregon mini retreat](#) for nurses focused on rest, reflection, and renewal. This opportunity may be a good fit for nurses looking for a brief reset and connection with others outside of the clinical setting.

Better, But Not Well: [OCN has published a well-being report](#) exploring how emotional well-being, workplace conditions, and perceived support have changed while identifying areas where progress remains incomplete.



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