



NJLN 2025 CONVENTION AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

THE NURSING JOURNEY CONTINUES: PROMOTING LEARNING, CONNECTIONS, AND OPPORTUNITIES

7:30 AM – 4:15 PM	PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM Current Trends in Nursing Education: AI, Academic Integrity, and the Shift Toward Active and Competency-Based Learning <small>Note: Pre-Registration Required, not included with Convention</small>	Ocean City/Longport
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	CONVENTION REGISTRATION OPEN	Gallery 3rd Floor Coastal Ballroom
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION EXHIBITS OPEN AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS	Exhibition Hall (Brigantine Room, Ballroom A, B)
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 50 WAYS TO LOSE YOUR LICENSE Kathleen Gialanella, ESQ, P.C., RN	Ballroom C

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7:30 AM – 11:30 AM	REGISTRATION OPEN	Pre-function Area (Outside Exhibit Hall)
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST EXHIBIT AREA OPEN <i>VISIT EXHIBITS, LEARN WHILE YOU EARN CONTEST POINTS</i>	Exhibition Hall (Brigantine Room, Ballroom A, B)
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	GENERAL SESSION	Ballroom C, D
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS Donna M. Penn, DNP, RN, CNE, NEA-BC NJLN President	

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9:15 AM – 10:45 AM	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION RADONDA VAUGHT: IN HER OWN WORDS <i>A Story that Every Nurse Should Hear.</i> <i>How One Error Can Forever Change Lives.</i>	Ballroom C, D
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	EXPLORE EXHIBITORS NETWORKING BREAK <i>VISIT EXHIBITS, LEARN WHILE YOU EARN CONTEST POINTS</i>	Exhibition Hall (Brigantine Room, Ballroom A, B)
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
SESSION 1	A NURSE'S JOURNEY IN ADDRESSING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POPULATION: A FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE EQUITY Jenny Bernard, DNP, MBA, MSN, APN-BC	Ocean City
SESSION 2	BEYOND TRANSFORMATION: A CALL FOR RADICAL REFORMATION IN NURSING EDUCATION Maria Flores-Harris, DNP, RN, CNE	Longport
SESSION 3 (Open to Students)	A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS IN NURSING: THE SECRET INGREDIENTS Laura Mularz, DNP, MSN, RN, APN, ACNS-BC, NE-BC	Ballroom C, D
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	NETWORKING LUNCHEON (*Pre-purchased Tickets Required)	La Strada Restaurant



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1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

SESSION *Student Refreshments will be provided.*

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STUDENT SESSION

PREPARING FOR THE NCLEX

Ballroom C, D

Tammy Gerrity, MSN, RN, ATI Nurse Educator

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2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION 4

**RESCUE READY: PREPARING THE NOVICE
NURSE FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

Ocean City

Stephanie N. Caduhada MSN, RN, CCRN, NPD-BC

Naomi Hurley, BSN, RN, CCRN

SESSION 5

**THE NURSING JOURNEY: ADVANCING STUDENT
SUCCESS WITH INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PRACTICES**

Longport

Elizabeth Mizerek, PhD, RN, FN-CSA, CEN,
CPEN, CNE, FAEN

SESSION 6
(Open to Students)

HOW TO SET YOUR PATH IN NURSING

Ballroom C, D

Donna Murray, MSN, RN, APN, WHNP-BC

Donna Penn, DNP, RN, CNE, NEA-BC

Nina Vaid Raoji, DNP, APN-BC, MSN, RN

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

**EXPLORE EXHIBITS AND
NETWORKING BREAK**

Exhibition Hall
(Brigantine Room,
Ballroom A, B)

*VISIT EXHIBITS, LEARN AND EARN AND
PRIZE DRAWING*



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4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION

SESSION 7

THE COPING CORNER: GRIEF EDUCATION FOR NEW NURSES

Ocean City

Sara Scheller Humeny, MS, BSN, RN, NBC-HWC, HNB-BC
Jocelyn Townes, MSN, RN-BC, HNB-BC

SESSION 8

ENHANCING COHESION AND COMPETENCY IN ADJUNCT FACULTY: A COMPREHENSIVE ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Longport

Judith Egan, PhD, RN-BC, CNE
Denise Nash-Luckenbach, PhD, MS, RN, APRN, CCRN, CPNP

5:15 PM – 6:15 PM

NJLN BUSINESS MEETING

Ballroom C, D

SESSION 9

Join the NJLN Board of Directors for
our Annual Business Meeting.
Election Results will be announced.

PRESIDENT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Rum Point Restaurant



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences and the New Jersey League for Nursing. Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Contact Hours: 8.75



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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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Artificial Intelligence in Nursing Education: A New Way of Learning

Dione Sandiford, PhD, RN, CNE, CHSE, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Monina Franco-Tantuico, PhD (c), MSN, BSMT, RN, CNE, ACUE, CCRN-a, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Kimberly Lopez Hernandez, Student Nurse, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Resilience in New Nursing Faculty: Evidence of a Complex Construct in Academia

Dione Sandiford, PhD, RN, CNE, CHSE, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Artificial Intelligence-based Role Play: A New Approach to Palliative Care Simulation Education

Caroline Bell, DNP, MS, RN, CPNP, CPHON, Saint Elizabeth University

Beyond the Bedside: Why Healthcare Economics Matters in Nursing Education

Jeannette Manchester, DNP, MBA, RN, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Tracy R. Vitale, DNP, RNC-OB, C-EFM, NE-BC, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Closing the Preparation to Practice Gap through Individualized Entry Level Simulation

Bridget Dittman, MSN, RN, CCRN, CLSS-GB, NPD- BC, AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center

Cassie Tansey, BSN, RN, CVRN, AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center

Code VOC (Vaso occlusive crisis) Simulation: Improvement in the Care of the Patient with Sickle Cell Crisis

Linda Curley, DNP, FNP, CNE, CNE (cl), CHSOS, CHSE, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Evaluation of the Impact of the Second Review of External Breast Pathology Using a Checklist on Pathology Review Turnaround

Jonathan Gapilango, DNP, MSN, MMin, RN, NE-BC, OCN, CCRP, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

Faculty-led Mentorship Program to Support Student Success in an Associate Degree Nursing Program

Georgia Angelo, MSN, RN, FNP, CNE, Hackensack Meridian Health, Middlesex College

Elizabeth DeCarlo, PhD, RN, Hackensack Meridian Health, Middlesex College

Kara Kaldawi, PhD, RN, APN, GCNS-BC, MEDSURG-BC, Hackensack Meridian Health, Middlesex College

Improving Patient Mobility and Discharge to Home through Color-Coded AM-PAC Scores

Kathleen Arcidiacono, DNP, RN, OCN, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

Interprofessional Collaborative Simulation Between Nursing Students and Physical Therapy Assistant Students

Lisa Camacho, EdD, MSN/Ed, RN, CCRN, CNE, Mercer County Community College

Nursing Students translate learning into practice: Sharing information about Stress First Aid with Older Adults

Veronica Betts, DNP, RN, CMGT-BC, Montclair State University

Courtney Reinisch DNP, RN, APN-C, FNP-BC, DCC, Montclair State University

'Jump Starting' Student Nurses into Freshman Clinical

Illya DeVera-Bonilla, DNP, MSN, RN, RWJBH Trinitas School of Nursing

Constance Kozachek, PhD, CCRN, NPD-BC, RWJBH Trinitas School of Nursing

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The New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing: Reporting on New Jersey Nursing Programs

Edna Cadmus, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, RWJBH Trinitas School of Nursing
Pamela B. de Cordova, PhD, RN-BC, NJCCN, Rutgers School of Nursing
Illya DeVera-Bonilla, DNP, MSN, RN, NJCCN, RWJBH Trinitas School of Nursing
Daria Waszak, DNP, RN, CNE, COHN-S, NJCCN, Rutgers School of Nursing
Susan H. Weaver, PhD, RN, CRNI, NEA-BC, NJCCN, Rutgers School of Nursing

Managers' Perspective of Tiered Orientation

Stephanie Richter, DNP, RN, NPD-BC, NEA-BC, RWJBH Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center
Adriana Nashid, MSN, RN, NPD-BC, RWJBH Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center
Aida Palomino, MSN, RN, NPD-BC, RWJBH Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center
Lauren Raynor, McNichol MSN, RN, CPN, RWJBH Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center
Mary Stoffel, MSN, RN, NPD-BC, HNB-BC, RWJBH Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center
Bethany Watkins, MSN, RN, CEN, RWJBH Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center

Utilizing a Layered Skills Approach to Nursing Orientation

Stephanie Richter, DNP, RN, NPD-BC, NEA-BC, RWJBH Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center
Aida Palomino, MSN, RN, NPD-BC, RWJBH Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center
Olga F. Jarrín, PhD, RN, FAAN, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Mary Beth Russell, PhD, MA, RN, NPDA-BC®, NEA-BC, FNAP, CPHQ, RWJBarnabas Health

Music Listening as an Adjunctive Treatment for Pain Reduction

Jodi Rotter, DNP, MSN, MS, RN, NPD-BC, Atlantic Health System-Chilton Medical Center

Optimizing Patient Outcomes: Interdisciplinary Medication Reconciliation and Review in Subacute Rehabilitation Setting

Agustin Guido III, MBA, BSN-RN, CDONA, CDP, CFPS, IPCO, New Jersey Eastern Star Home

Pathway to Success in Nursing School

Dorothy Rolling, PhD (c), MSN, RN, CNE, NPD-BC, NE-BC, Elaine Educational Consulting Services
Sabratha Thomas, DNP, RN, FNYAM, Orbis Education

Reducing CLABSI in the Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit.

Sandia Royal, DNP, MPA, CCRN, CNRN, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
Jessica Egan, BSN, RN, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

Reducing Postpartum Readmissions: An APN-Led Model Addressing Social Drivers of Health

Jenny Bernard, DNP, MBA, MSN, APN-BC, Hackensack Meridian Health
Carmen Luna, MBA, Hackensack Meridian Health

Strong Start Mentoring Program

Tara Rostron-Lorenz, MSN, RN, Brookdale Community College
Patricia D'Aloia-Gandolfo, RN, MSN, CMSRN, Brookdale Community College



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