



# NJLN 2025 CONVENTION AGENDA

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

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

7:30 AM – 4:15 PM	<b>PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM</b> 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	<b>CONVENTION REGISTRATION OPEN</b>	Gallery 3rd Floor Coastal Ballroom
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b> EXHIBITS OPEN AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS	Exhibition Hall (Brigantine Room, Ballroom A, B)
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	<b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION</b> <b>50 WAYS TO LOSE YOUR LICENSE</b> Kathleen Gialanella, ESQ, P.C., RN	Ballroom C

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

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



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1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

### SESSION

*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*

#### HOW TO SET YOUR PATH IN NURSING

Ballroom C, D

*(Open to Students)*

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

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### **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

### **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

### **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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