

Conference Day 1 - Friday May 30, 2025

8:30 – 9:30am

THREE SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

SESSION J: Transition from Faculty to Leader

Join us for an engaging session with three nursing leaders as they share their unique journeys from faculty to academic leadership. Learn how clinical and administrative leadership skills translate into the academic world, and gain practical advice on mentorship, faculty development, and navigating institutional change. This session offers valuable insights for aspiring leaders and those looking to enhance their leadership role in nursing education.

This presentation will provide an overview of the transition from nursing faculty roles to academic leadership, featuring insights from three distinct presenters: a program director with a background in executive leadership in acute care, a senior faculty member with extensive academic experience, and a new academic dean with a long tenure as faculty. Each presenter will share their unique perspective on the challenges and opportunities of shifting from clinical to academic leadership.

Faculty: Celeste Surreira

Faculty: Katharine Green, PhD, RN, FACNM

Faculty: Mary Ellen Burke

SESSION K: We Will Accommodate: Supporting Nursing Students with Physical Disabilities

As nursing programs continue to embrace diversity and inclusion, ensuring equitable access to clinical education is a critical priority. This session will explore strategies for providing effective clinical accommodations to nursing students with disabilities. The presenters will share their combined expertise on navigating the complexities of clinical placements, fostering collaboration between academic and clinical settings, and reducing barriers to inclusion.

Faculty: Patrician Finn

Faculty: Hannah Davidson

SESSION L: From Sidelines to Scrubs: Coaching New Nurses for Successful Transition into Practice

The transition from nursing school to clinical practice can feel as intense as stepping onto the field for a championship game. While this transition period is ripe with opportunities to realize a sense of purpose, joy in work, and satisfaction with their career, all too frequently new nurses experience challenges and struggles that cause them to question their career choice and lead to attrition from their roles, and even the nursing profession.

Drawing on years of experience as a nurse and as a coach for national, college, and club athletic teams, our faculty will explore how coaching principles from athletics can be applied to support new graduate nurses in their critical years of practice. Whether you are a nurse leader, educator, or mentor, this engaging session will offer practical tools and insights to help you coach new nurses to success, ensuring they feel a sense of confidence, support and belonging, develop competencies and skills to excel in today's fast-paced healthcare environment, and become future coaches for the nursing profession.

Faculty: Erin McGaffigan, BSN, RN, PCCN, MEDSURG-BC