



2026 FNA Membership Assembly Agenda

Nurses in Action for a Healthier Florida

September 2-4, 2026 | Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park

Wednesday, September 2

10:00am – 2:00pm <i>Location: Gateway</i>	QUIN Council Meeting (Invite Only) Invitation-only meeting for members of the Quality and Unity in Nursing Council.
12:00pm – 5:00pm <i>Location: Pre-Function</i>	Registration Desk Open
1:00pm - 5:00pm <i>Location: Salon D & E</i>	Early Career Nurse Boot Camp (4.0 CH) Join us for a professional development event designed to empower and support nurses in the early stages of their careers. Open to ALL attendees, early career and well-seasoned nurses! 1:05pm - 2:05pm Self-Care Through Self-Leadership Angela Prestia, PhD, RN, NE-BC, FAAN 2:05pm - 3:05pm Let's Talk Ethics: Applying the ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses to Practice Susan Fowler, PhD, RN, NE-BC, NPD-BC, FCNS 3:15pm - 4:15pm The Churro Girl's Guide to Early Career Nursing: Craft, Calm, and Customer Service Valerie Morrison, DBA, MSM, BSN, RN, NEA-BC, SHRM-SCP 4:15pm - 5:15pm Hands-On Learning: Mock Code Simulation Facilitated by Kasey Nestor, EdD, RN, CNE and Michelle Plourde, MSN-ED, BS, RN, CEN
2:00pm - 5:00pm <i>Location: Pre-Function</i>	Exhibitor Setup
5:00pm – 7:00pm <i>Location: Pre-Function</i>	Exhibitor Hall Open
5:30pm - 6:30pm <i>Location: Pre-Function</i>	Welcome Reception hosted by the FNPAC Join the Florida Nurses Political Action Committee (FNPAC) for an opening night reception. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and comradery while supporting the political voice of FNA!
6:30pm – 8:00pm <i>Location: Gateway</i>	FNA Board of Directors Meeting and Dinner For current members of the board only. Attendees dine on own

Thursday, September 3

7:00am – 4:00pm <i>Location: Pre-Function</i>	Registration Desk Open
7:00am – 8:00am <i>Location: Pre-Function</i>	Coffee and Conversations with Exhibitors Start your day with fresh coffee, a light continental breakfast, and engaging conversations with our exhibitors.
8:00am – 9:15am <i>Location: Salon ABC</i>	Opening Session and Welcome Marcos Gayol, EdD, MSN, MPH, MBA, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE President, Florida Nurses Association Keynote Presentation (1.0 CH) Your Leadership Matters More Than You Think: Courage, Influence, and Impact Dr. Cole Edmonson, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP, FAONL, FAAN
9:15am - 10:15am <i>Location: Salon ABC</i>	Plenary Presentation (1.0 CH) Nursing Stewardship in Action: Shaping the Future of Health and the Profession Jayne Willis, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CENP
10:15am - 10:30am	Break – Visit Exhibitors
10:30 am – 11:30am <i>Location: Salon D</i> <i>Location: Salon E</i> <i>Location: Van Gogh A</i>	Breakout Sessions A (1.0 CH) I. Kintsugi Leadership: Rebuilding Trust, Teams, and Performance in Nursing Melanie Troxell, MSN, BA, RN-BC II. From Simulation to Surgical Excellence: High-Fidelity Learning in Action for Florida's Perioperative Nurses Amber Mosley, BSN, RN, CNOR, CMSRN III. The Wellness Bridge: Establishing a Health & Wellness Ministry to Advance Community Health in Florida Jacquie S. Marshall, PhD, MSN-ED, MPH, RN, CNE Erika Yates, DNP, MSN, NE-BC Maude Exantus, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CHC
10:30 am – 11:30am <i>Location: Salon F</i>	Live with <i>No One Tells You This</i> - “Stop Blaming the Generations” Podcast Recording Session MacKenzie Simmons, BSN, RN
11:30am - 12:00pm	Break – Visit Exhibitors

12:00n – 1:15pm <i>Location: Salon ABC</i>	Foundation Luncheon The Annual Foundation Luncheon includes a special recognition of the 2026 Scholarship and Grant Recipients
1:15pm -1:30pm	Break – Visit Exhibitors
1:30pm - 2:30pm <i>Location: Salon D</i> <i>Location: Salon E</i> <i>Location: Salon F</i> <i>Location: Van Gogh A</i>	Breakout Sessions B (1.0 CH) I. Nurse Well-being: Peer and Leadership Support with Stress First Aid, Building a Culture of Inclusion and Belonging Rodney Hauch, DNP, RN, PCCN Arthur Jones II, MBA, CDP II. From Insight to Action: Nurse-Led Strategies That Improve Patient Experience Joanne McNeil, DNP, RN, MEDSURG-BC Adrienne Williams, MSN, RN, MEDSURG-BC III. From Classroom to Capitol: Transforming Nursing Students into Advocates Through Legislative Engagement June Bryant, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC Tressa Pedroff, PhD, RN, CNE IV. The Preceptor Pipeline: From Shortage to Sustainable Solutions Deborah Tedesco, DNP, APRN, ANP-BC, CPHQ, FNAP, FAANP Charrita Ernewein, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, SANE-A, FAAN
2:30pm - 2:40pm	Break
2:40pm - 3:40pm <i>Location: Salon D</i> <i>Location: Salon E</i> <i>Location: Salon F</i> <i>Location: Van Gogh A</i>	Breakout Sessions C (1.0 CH) I. Developing Gentelligence: Working with Intergenerational Teams in the Healthcare Cassandra Vonnies, DNP, GNP-BC, AOCNP, GS-C, CPHQ, CPAFH, AGSF, FAHA, FAAN II. From Crisis to Prevention: A Nurse-Led Behavioral Support Team Model for Safer Work Environments Brooke Bull, BSN, RN, CCRN-K Robert Neff, MSN, BA, RN, PMH-BC, EMT-D III. From Perks to Practice – A Forrest Gump Guide to Workforce Well-being Valerie Morrison, DBA, MSN, MSM, BSN, RN IV. Thinking Outside the Box: The Nightingale Float Nurse Redefining Care Across Units Roseann Maresca, DNP, RN, PCCN

3:45pm - 4:45pm <i>Location: Salon ABC</i>	Closing Plenary Session (1.0 CH) Reimagining Nurse Workforce Well-Being: A Research-Driven Health System Approach to Burnout, Recovery, and Retention Lakeshia Cousin, PhD, APRN, AGPCNP-BC
6:00pm – 8:00pm <i>Location: Salon ABC</i>	Awards Dinner & Recognition Ceremony Join us for the Annual Icon Awards Celebration! As we dine and celebrate the achievements of our nursing colleagues, we will reflect on the profound impacts of nurses across the state.

[Click this link to view full session descriptions](#)

Friday, September 4	
7:00am - 1:00pm	Registration Desk Open
7:45am – 8:45am <i>Location: Salon DEF</i>	Advocacy Breakfast (1.0 CH) From Bedside to Policy: Nurses Leading Public Health Advocacy in Florida Deborah Hogan, BSN, RN, MPH
9:00am – 12:00pm <i>Location: Salon ABC</i>	Business Meeting Wanda Sims, Parliamentarian ▶ Reports of the Officers, Directors, and Staff ▶ Reports of the Committees ▶ Reports out Outside Nursing Organizations ▶ Report from the FNA Lobbyists ▶ Finance Report from the Treasurer ▶ Bylaws Review and Voting on Changes ▶ Reference Proposals ▶ Open Discussion / New Business
12:00pm - 1:00pm <i>Location: Salon DEF</i>	Lunch with Your Regions Enjoy a casual lunch with nurses from your region and take the opportunity to connect with your newly appointed Region Director before heading home.