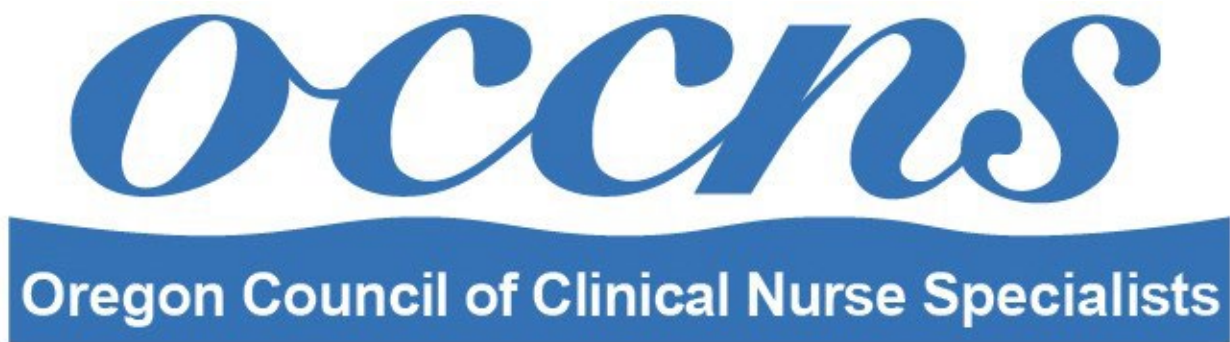




Oregon Affiliate of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists

Fall Meeting 2024

Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 5pm-5:30pm

In Person at Providence Willamette Falls Community Center, Oregon City

Education Portion: NWCNS Regional Conference (8am-5pm)

Business Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions of OCCNS Executive Board
 - a. Chair, Ann Busch (annmhbusch@aol.com)
 - b. Past Chair, Sherri Atherton (sherri.atherton@comcast.net)
 - c. Board Member, Sandy Bunn (sandra.bunn@salemhealth.org)
2. Advantages of joining OCCNS discussed
3. OCCNS Goals reviewed.
 - a. Decrease or remove gaps/incongruence between CNS practice, Oregon statutes, and Oregon State Board of Nursing rules and regulations.
 - b. Increase CNS educational opportunities both for practicing CNSs as well as potential CNS graduate students (no in-state program). Strengthen ties with virtual CNS programs.
 - c. Strengthen ties with organizations to increase CNS employment opportunities.
4. Asked for volunteers to review/revise OCCNS governance document (Rules of Order) and OCCNS goals with the OCCNS Exec Board. No volunteers at this time.
5. Idea Board for future OCCNS free educational offerings (1 CEU each meeting) was posted today at conference. Also, CNSs were encouraged to discuss ideas with any OCCNS Board member. Ideas given today: CNS opportunities outside of employment; what nurses can do related to antibiotic stewardship/this might also be a research study for CNSs in the state to collaborate on.
6. Save the Date for OCCNS Winter 2025 Meeting in January: January 14th at 6pm virtually.
7. Discussed the continued need for contact information for CNSs in Oregon. Attendees asked to forward our OCCNS notifications to colleagues and potential CNS students, and request that they email the OCCNS Board with their email address so that they can receive future notifications.
8. Dessert and salty snack were in lobby to eat here or take home.