

2026 Deans & CNO Summit



Date: 04.16.26
Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Brought to you in partnership of the SC Deans & Directors in Nursing Education, SC Organization of Nurse Leaders, and SC Hospital Association.

Networking & Coffee

9:00am - 9:30am

Welcome & Overview of the Day

9:30am - 9:45am | Speaker: Kim Subasic Ph.D., MS, BSN, CNE, Department Head, Swain Department of Nursing, The Citadel | Chair, SC Deans & Directors of Nursing Education (SCDDNE)

Ashley Capps, VP of Patient Care/CNO, Tidelands Health | President SC Organization of Nurse Leaders (SCONL)

Annual Update on Nursing Education & Practice

9:45am - 10:45am | Speakers: Whitney Smith, Board Executive, SC Board of Nursing
Peter Kubas, Education Consultant, SC Board of Nursing

An annual review of data on the state of nursing education and practice in SC facilitated by the leadership from the SC Board of Nursing. Welcome, Whitney Smith, new board executive.

Using Simulation, Technology, AI to Enhance & Expand Nursing Education

10:45am - 11:45am | Moderated by: Kelly Russin, DNP, RNC-OB, CHSE | Director of Simulation, University of South Carolina College of Nursing & Kristen Poston, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, CHSE | Interim Associate Dean for Academics, MUSC College of Nursing

Kim Kamp Hill, DNP, RN, CHSE | Associate Director of Simulation, Clemson University School of Nursing
Sarah Screws | Simulation Center Director, Trident Technical College
Dawn Terzulli, DNP, RN, PCCN | Director of Simulation, MUSC College of Nursing

The demand for nursing education has never been greater. And technology is changing daily. In this session, learn how leaders in simulation and nursing education are leveraging the latest technology to enhance skill development and preparation of nursing students, including in WPV prevention, communications, interprofessional education, etc. And how technology, if correctly implemented and mapped to curriculum, can expand the capacity of nursing education.

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Networking Lunch & Regional Planning

11:45am - 12:45pm

Learning from the PeeDee: Aligning the Onboarding of Students

12:45pm - 1:30pm | Moderated by: Tony Derrick | CNO, McLeod Regional Medical Center

Charity Gerald | McLeod Health
Rebecca Hudson-Chapman | Coker University
Shametra Myers | MUSC Pee Dee Division
Hope Pigg | Northeastern Technical College

One of the statewide challenges is streamlining the process for onboarding students for clinical rotations. Hear from partners in the Pee Dee regional who have been collaborating on ways to streamline the process and lessons learned for other regions looking to do the same.

Stretch and Networking Break

1:30pm - 1:45pm

Exploring the Student Nurse Apprenticeship Model for SC

1:45pm - 2:30pm

Jonathan Vallentine | Director of Workforce Development, MUSC Health
Amanda Richardson | Vice President, Apprenticeship Carolina
Melissa Stowasser | Vice President, Community & Continuing Education, Trident Technical College

States like Alabama and Tennessee have now implemented student nurse apprenticeships to help build the pipeline for nursing in those states. Building on successful models already begun in SC, employers and educational partners are now exploring models to scale these programs and take statewide. Come prepared to listen and ask questions.

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Summary Comments & Next Steps

2:30pm - 3:00pm | Speakers: Kim Subasic, Ph.D., MS, BSN, CNE, Department Head, Swain Department of Nursing, The Citadel | Chair, SC Deans & Directors of Nursing Education (SCDDNE)

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A closing interactive session to capture action items, next steps, or discussion items not covered during the agenda. Bring any challenges or collaborative ideas to the discussion.

Adjourn

3:00pm