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## **The Florida Center for Nursing Announces Nursing Education Symposium**

A comprehensive review of Florida's ability to prepare the next generation of nurses.

**GAINESVILLE, FL** - On March 7, 2025, the [Florida Center for Nursing \(FCN\) Education Symposium](#): Leading Excellence and Innovation in Florida will bring together leading experts to present critical data, engage in dynamic panel discussions, and develop forward-thinking recommendations for the future of nursing education in Florida. Nursing education is the foundation of the nursing workforce. It is essential to build this strong base in order to combat the nursing shortage in the state.

The symposium will start with a comprehensive look at Florida's capacity to educate and prepare future nurses with a presentation of data from the Florida Center for Nursing's *The State of Nursing Education in Florida* report. This report details the capacity, enrollment, and retention data for the nursing programs in the state as well as the NCLEX passage rate. Students need to pass the NCLEX in order to become licensed and enter the nursing workforce.

The symposium will also feature an expert panel discussion on the critical issues and innovative solutions in nursing education and a keynote address on innovation in education by University of Florida College of Nursing Dean, Shakira Henderson, Ph.D., D.N.P., M.S., M.P.H., EMBA. The event will be offered both in person and virtually.

[Florida Center for Nursing \(FCN\) Education Symposium](#): Leading Excellence and Innovation in Florida

**Time:** 10am-4pm ET

**Location:** Hilton UF Conference Center, Gainesville, FL

**Registration/More information:** [flcntr.org/Symposium](http://flcntr.org/Symposium)

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**The Florida Center for Nursing** is established under state statute (F.S. 464.0195) to research and address issues of supply and demand for nursing, including issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurse workforce resources. For more information, visit [flcenterfornursing.org](http://flcenterfornursing.org). The Florida Center for Nursing is headquartered at the University of South Florida.

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