

APNEF 2025 annual conference Cultivating Competence: The Future of Practical Nursing Education

Agenda Day 1 – Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Focus: Cultivating Faculty Competence

Activity	Presenter(s)	Duration	Time
Registration and Exhibitors		30 min	7:30 am – 8:00 am
Welcome Remarks	Patricia Orender, DNP, RN Rayna Letourneau, PhD, RN	15 min	8:00 am – 8:15 am
Aligning Nursing Programs with DOE Frameworks and the NCLEX Test Plan: Best Practices for Success	Patricia Orender, DNP, RN	1 hour	8:15 am – 9:15 am
Virtual Keynote Speaker Understanding Nurse Educator Competencies	Larry Simmons, RN, PhD, CNE, NEA-BC, CGNC, ICE-CCP, FAAN	1 hour	9:15 am – 10:15 am
Break		15 min	10:15 am – 10:30 am
The Power of Vision and Accountability: Turning NCLEX Results Around	Cam Felismino, PhD, RN	1 hour	10:30 am – 11:30 am
Empowering Every Learner: Inclusive Strategies for Clinical Judgment Development	Karen Taylor, DNP, RN, CNE	1 hour	11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Lunch and Networking		1 hour	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Walk		15 min	1:30 pm – 1:45 pm
Empowered to Educate: Balancing Passion, Purpose, and Wellness	Candra Polk, BS, BSN, RN	1 hour	1:45 pm – 2:45 pm
Florida Board of Nursing Updates	Sherri Sutton-Johnson, DrPH, MSN/Ed, RN, CCHW, CSM, CPM	1 hour	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm
Break		15 min	3:45 pm – 4:00 pm
Becoming a Voice for the Profession	Willa Hill, BSN, RN	1 hour	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Closing Remarks	Patricia Orender, DNP, RN	30 min	5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Agenda Day 2 - Thursday, November 6, 2025

Focus: Developing Student Competence

Activity	Presenter(s)	Duration	Time
Registration and Exhibitors		30 min	7:30 am – 8:00 am
Welcome Remarks	Patricia Orender, DNP, RN Rayna Letourneau, PhD, RN	15 min	8:00 am – 8:15 am
APNEF General Membership Meeting (Voting)	APNEF Board	15 min	8:15 am – 8:30 am
NCLEX-PN Results and LPN Workforce Projections	Rayna Letourneau, PhD, RN	1 hour	8:30 am – 9:30 am
Cultivating Tomorrow's Caregivers: Building the Future of Nursing Together	Rebecca Monteau, DNP, RN, NPD-BC Roxanne Kuroski, DNP, RN, AMB-BC	1 hour	9:30 am – 10:30 am
Break		15 min	10:30 am – 10:45 am
Effective Student Onboarding: Evidence-Based Strategies and Best Practices to Support Student Transition and Retention in Prelicensure Programs	Patricia Gagliano, PhD, RN	1 hour	10:45 am – 11:45 am
Laerdal Demonstration		15 min	11:45 am – 12:00 pm
Lunch and Networking		1 hour	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Active Learning Techniques for Maximizing Student Engagement and Success	Patricia Love, DNP, RN, CNOR	1 hour	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Well-Being in Action: Insights from Nursing Student Pilots and a Vision for Statewide Impact	Rayna Letourneau, PhD, RN	1 hour	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Break		15 min	3:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Healing Ourselves First: Holistic Practices for Navigating Nursing School Stress	Candra Polk, BS, BSN, RN	1 hour	3:15 pm – 4:15 pm
Closing Remarks and Voting Results	Patricia Orender, DNP, RN Rayna Letourneau, PhD, RN	45 min	4:15 pm – 5:00 pm