

Advancing the Role of Nurses: Battling Misinformation, Disinformation and How We Can Help Educate the Public

This session explores how nurses are portrayed across digital platforms, where misinformation spreads fast but opportunity moves faster. Through real-world examples, we'll uncover practical ways to challenge false narratives, build public trust, and elevate the voice and impact of nurses.

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Annual Nursing Summit

OMNL | Organization of Maine Nursing Leadership

Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Augusta Maine Elks Lodge
8:00AM - 3:30PM

Let's Talk: Empowering Conversations to Mitigate Incivility

Incivility isn't just a personality clash—it's a threat to patient care. We're moving beyond diagnosis to treatment, exploring the proven frameworks and communication tools that transform toxic environments into high-performing, civil teams

Dr. Shannon Gauvin, DHA, RN, AHN-BC



Registration – Breakfast – Visit with Vendors	8:00 a.m. – 8:25 a.m.
Opening Remarks Michael Nozdrovicky, DNP, NP, RN, NEA-BC, OMNL President	8:25 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Healing the Healers: Cultivating Well-Being in Nursing Practice Bren Petersen, PhD, MSN, RN – University of Southern Maine – School of Nursing	8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Let's Talk: Empowering Conversations to Mitigate Incivility Dr. Shannon Gauvin, DHA, RN, AHN-BC - University of Maine at Augusta - School of Nursing	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Break – Visit with Vendors	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
2026 Legislative Session and Issues Impacting Nursing Lisa Harvey-McPherson, RN, MBA, MPPM - Northern Light Health	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Lunch – Visit with Vendors	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Advancing the Role of Nurses: Battling Misinformation, Disinformation and How We Can Help Educate the Public Dr. Valerie Fuller, PhD, DNP, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC, FNAP, FAAN, FAANP - MaineHealth - Maine Medical Center	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Break – Visit with Vendors/Sponsors	2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Intermediate Care Academy: An Educational Approach to Nursing Workforce Development Jennifer Smith, BSN, RN, CCRN & Sarah Warner, BSN, RN, CCRN- CSC MaineHealth – Maine Medical Center – Biddeford	2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Closing Remarks Michael Nozdrovicky, DNP, NP, RN, NEA-BC, OMNL President	3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Poster Presentations

“Perceived Faculty Support and Stress Among Baccalaureate Nursing Students: A Systematic Review”

Christina Harris, MSN, RN, CNE

Lecturer, University of Maine -School of Nursing

“Evaluating the Big Moment: A Mindfulness Based-Intervention for Stress and Resilience Among Nursing Faculty and Students”

Amanda Thaller, MSN, RN, ACNP, AHN-BC, CNE, SGAHN, RYT

Jennifer Lakey, DNP, FNP-C, CNE

The University of Maine at Augusta, Nursing Education Program

“Mid Coast Hospital Mentorship Program”

Chloe James, BSN, RN

Clinical Education

MaineHealth-Mid Coast Hospital

“MaineHealth: A Journey to PTAP Accreditation”

Elizabeth Westburg, MSN, AGACNP-BC, NPD-BC

MaineHealth-Residency Program Director

“Alternative Pain Management in the Inpatient Population”

Olivia Chabot, BSN, RN, ~ Emily French, BSN, RN, ~ Morgan Mead, BSN, RN

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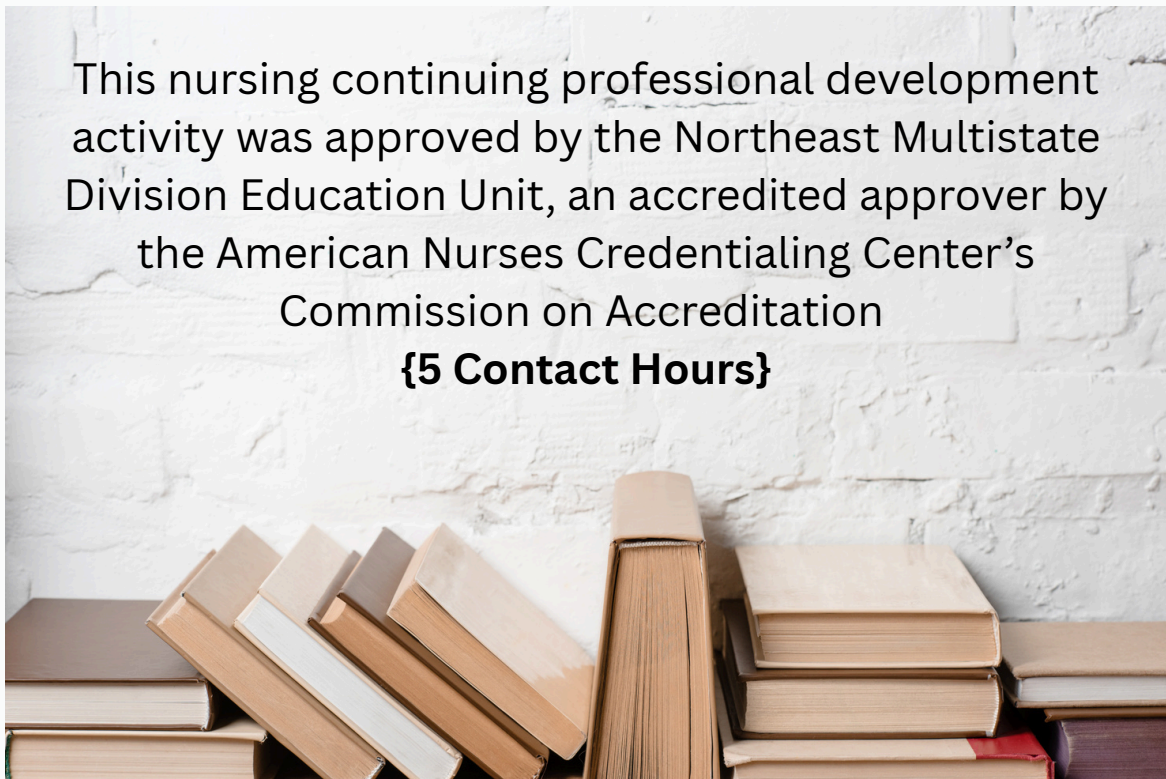
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