

**July 23-24, 2025**  
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# **NEW NURSE WORKSHOP**



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for new graduate nurses who have been a nurse <2 years

## **WEDNESDAY | JULY 23, 2025**

9:30 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.

### **REGISTRATION**

9:55 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

### **WELCOME**

*Amber Kavan, BSN, RN, CPHQ, Director of Quality, NHA*

*Dana Steiner, MSN, MBA, CPHQ, Senior Director of Medicaid Quality Improvement, NHA*

10:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

### **WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

#### **CURRENT STATE OF PRACTICE FOR NEW NURSES IN NEBRASKA**

*Dana Steiner, MSN, MBA, CPHQ, Senior Director of Medicaid Quality Improvement, NHA*

11:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

### **FLIPPING THE SCRIPT: TRANSITIONING FROM ACADEMICS TO WORKFORCE**

*Donna Armknecht, RN, MSN, Director of Quality and Compliance, Syracuse Area Health*

12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

### **LUNCH**

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

### **TALK THE TALK: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES**

*Molly Herzberg, MSN, RN, Chief Nursing Officer Community Hospital (McCook)*

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### **BREAK**

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4:00 P.M.

### **WRAP-UP, TAKE AWAYS | SOCIAL HOUR AT TBD**

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9:00 A.M. – 9:05 A.M.

### **DAY 1 REVIEW – Q&A**

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# ACCREDITED CONTINUING EDUCATION

## NEW NURSE WORKSHOP

This workshop will take place on July 23–24, 2025, at Howard County Medical Center, located at 1113 Sherman Street in St. Paul, NE (68873). This program is specifically designed for new graduate nurses who have been in practice for less than two years.

## REGISTRATION

Register [here](#) for the New Nurse Workshop.

For any questions regarding registration, please contact Heather Bullock at [hbullock@nebraskahospitals.org](mailto:hbullock@nebraskahospitals.org).

## LODGING INFORMATION

**Hotel:** Fairfield Inn & Suites

**Address:** 805 Allen Drive, Grand Island, NE

**Room Rate:** \$154.95 + tax per room/night

**Hotel Registration Group Rate Cutoff:** *July 8th, 2025*

To make a reservation, click [here](#) or call (308) 381-8980.

## ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by AXIS Medical Education and the Nebraska Hospital Association. AXIS Medical Education is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

## CREDIT DESIGNATION FOR NURSING

AXIS Medical Education designates this continuing nursing education activity for a maximum of 8.25 contact hours. Learners are advised that accredited status does not imply endorsement by the provider or ANCC of any commercial products displayed in conjunction with an activity.

*Quality Professionals | This program is pending approval by the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) to provide CPHQ CE credit.*

## AXIS CONTACT INFORMATION

For information about the accreditation of this program please contact [AXIS.info@axismeded.org](mailto:AXIS.info@axismeded.org).

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

- Attend/participate in the educational activity and review all course materials.
- Complete the CE Declaration form online by **11:59 pm ET August 24, 2025**. Instructions will be provided. If you do not enter the online portal by the above date, you will not be able to retrieve your statement of participation.
- Upon successful completion of the online form, your statement of completion will be presented to you to print.

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The faculty reported the following relevant financial relationships or relationships they have with ineligible companies of any amount during the past 24 months:

Amber Kavan, BSN, RN, CPHQ	No conflict
Dana Steiner, MSN, MBA, CPHQ	No conflict
Donna Armknecht, RN, MSN	No conflict
Molly Herzberg, MSN, RN	No conflict
Jenna Watson, RN, BSN	No conflict

The directors, planners, managers, peer reviewers, and relevant staff reported the following financial relationships they have with any ineligible company of any amount during the past 24 months:

Amber Kavan, BSN, RN, CPHQ	No conflict
Dana Steiner, MSN, MBA, CPHQ	No conflict
Janet Schultz, MSN, RN, FACEHP, CHCP	No conflict
Jennifer Hodge	No conflict

## PRESENTERS

**Amber Kavan, BSN, RN, CPHQ**

Director of Quality  
Nebraska Hospital Association

**Dana Steiner, MSN, MBA, CPHQ**

Senior Director of Medicaid Quality Improvement  
Nebraska Hospital Association

**Donna Armknecht, RN, MSN**

Director of Quality and Compliance  
Syracuse Area Health

**Molly Herzberg, MSN, RN**

Chief Nursing Officer  
Community Hospital (McCook)

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Memorial Hospital (Aurora)

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Dive into self-discovery with introspection and self-reflection, exploring strengths and weaknesses through engaging activities. Uncover insights into current preceptor experiences, identifying areas for enhancement while cultivating a robust professional identity.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Discuss the current state of nursing workforce in Nebraska.
- By the end of the presentation students will understand the importance of preceptor experiences.
- Discuss the opportunities for improving preceptor and orientation program.

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## FLIPPING THE SCRIPT: TRANSITIONING FROM ACADEMICS TO WORKFORCE

*Donna Armknecht, RN, MSN, Director of Quality and Compliance, Syracuse Area Health*

Navigate the transition from academia to the workforce with finesse. Delve into essential skills like prioritization, time management, and work-life balance, while bolstering confidence and professional identity. Learn to adapt seamlessly through cross-training opportunities.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Identify strategies to successfully transition from academics to the workforce.
- Review tools and resources to support becoming a confident and enthusiastic nurse in your organization.
- Review tools to assist with managing your time and being a change agent across your organization.

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## TALK THE TALK: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

*Molly Herzberg, MSN, RN, Chief Nursing Officer Community Hospital (McCook)*

Master the art of communication with proven strategies. From TeamSTEPPs and AIDET techniques to perfecting shift reports and bedside rounding, gain confidence in calling doctors and navigating crucial conversations with finesse.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Identify tools to use for improved communication.
- Apply tools into their practice to improve communication and provide patient safety.
- Review strategies to be successful advocates for your patients and team.

2:30 P.M. – 2:40 P.M.

## BREAK

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Embark on a journey toward excellence with a focus on quality. Engage in practical exercises like PDSA activities and goal setting, while understanding the significance of quality reporting and incident management. Explore themes of a just culture, infection prevention, regulatory requirements, and HCAHPS to elevate standards of care.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Demonstrate knowledge about process improvement and engage in activities within your organization.
- Recognize the importance of quality and incident reporting and adopt safe practices in your day-to-day schedule.
- Review nursing roles for infection prevention strategies.
- Demonstrate knowledge on regulatory requirements and why nurses play a key role in compliance and improvement.
- Review how nurses can increase patient and family engagement and satisfaction.

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Synthesize your knowledge through evidence-based practice and clinical guidelines such as Milliman and Interqual. Embrace patient family engagement and safe mobility practices while fostering a culture of continuous learning, even during downtime. Hone critical thinking skills through immersive case studies and reinforce understanding with the teach-back method. Master the art of documentation and charting for comprehensive care.

### OBJECTIVES:

- Discuss importance of evidence based practice and how you can implement them in your daily nursing practice.
- Review strategies to help foster critical thinking and discuss how to implement them in your daily practice.
- Discuss strategies to be successful with your daily activities and documentation efforts.

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Collaborate effectively within multi-disciplinary teams, mastering the art of delegation for seamless patient care. Learn strategies to manage disruptive patients or family members, ensuring a harmonious care environment..

### OBJECTIVES:

- Establish clear communication channels.
- Build trust and mutual respect.
- Define roles, responsibilities, and strengths.

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Reflect on your journey with a strength/weakness activity, identifying areas for growth and devising actionable strategies for success. Forge connections with mentors to guide your professional development journey.

### OBJECTIVES:

- Review learnings and identify needs to take back to your organization to be successful.
- Understand the importance of mentorship and peer to peer support throughout your nursing career.
- Review strategies on connecting.

