



**2025 NCONL Membership Meeting
and Conference Schedule**

***“Nurse Leaders:
Creating a Healthy Work Environment”***

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 (Grandville Ballrooms C/D)

- 12:00pm** **Registration Opens**
- 1:00pm - 1:15pm** **Welcome from NCONL President**
Chantal Howard, DNP, RN, CEN, NEA-BC
- 1:15pm - 2:45pm** **Opening Keynote:**
“Nursing Leadership in the New World of Work”
Rose O. Sherman, EdD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
Professor Emeritus, Florida Atlantic University
Editor in Chief – Nurse Leader
- 2:45pm - 3:15pm** **Break Sponsor: Cone Health**
Book Signing with Dr. Rose Sherman
Book Sponsor: Laudio
- 3:15pm – 4:30pm** **“WELL-B”**
Bryan Sexton, PhD
Director, Duke Center for the Advancement of Well-being Science (CAWS)
Associate Professor, Psychiatry
Duke University School of Medicine
- 4:30pm – 5:30pm** **2024 Poster Winners:**
- Best Research: “No Weapons Allowed – Weapon Detection via Wandering”**
Annie Howington, MSN, RN, CNML, SANE
Duke Raleigh Hospital
- Best Practice: “Reducing Readmission Through Inpatient Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support”**
Nikki Forbes, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC
ECU Health
- People’s Choice: “LPN Model: Innovative Solutions Delivering Unmatched Care”**
Mary Strickland, DNP, MSN, RNC, NE-BC
Courtney Ceaser, MSN-Ed, RN, AMB-BC
UNC Nash Health Care
- 5:30pm - 7:30pm** **Poster Gallery Debut and Reception – Grandville Ballroom A**
Welcome by the Research Committee &
Reception Sponsor: Qualivis & NCHA

Thursday, March 13, 2025 (Grandville Ballrooms C/D)

- 7:00am Registration Opens**
- 7:30am - 8:30am Breakfast in Grandville Ballrooms C/D**
- 7:30am – 8:30am Emerging Leader Breakfast in the Nottingham Room - Second Floor
Breakfast Sponsor: Atrium Health**
- 8:30am -8:45am Day 1 Recap**
- 8:45am - 10:00am “Broadening Horizons”: A Panel Presentation**
Moderator: Euniqa Bullock, MSN, RN-BC, CEN, CNMC, NEA-BC
Nurse Manager, Operations, Duke Specialty Infusion Clinic
Panel Members Represent:
American Association for Men in Nursing; Philippine Nurses of NC;
Indian Nurses Association of NC; Central Carolina Black Nurses Council;
Coalition of Minority Nurses In NC
- 10:00 am -10:50am Break in Exhibitor Gallery/Poster Gallery
Break Sponsor: Cone Health**
- 11:00am – 12:00pm “A Lethality Assessment in an Emergency Department:
Program Implementation and Evaluation”**
Chantal Howard, DNP, RN, CEN, NEA-BC
Chief Nursing & Patient Care Services Officer, Duke Hospital
President, NCONL
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch/NCONL Business Meeting**
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm “Dementia: What is it & What can we do About it?”**
Heather Carter, DCM, MA, CDP
Dementia Services Coordinator
NC DHHS Division of Aging
- 1:00pm – 1:50pm ** Break-Out Session for Emerging Leaders – invitation only, limited to 25
(Provencial Meeting Room, Second Floor)
“Empowering the Voice of Emerging Leaders”**
Samantha Belden, DNP, RN, CEN
Watts School of Nursing, NCONL Board Member
- 2:00pm – 2:50pm Break in Exhibitor Gallery/Poster Gallery - Grandville Ballrooms A/B
Break Sponsor: Cone Health**
- 2:00pm – 2:50pm Part 2 for the Emerging Leaders (continuation)**
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm TAPP to Treasure (Tarheel Academic Practice Partnership):
The impact of Creating and Sustaining a Robust Academic Practice Partnership**
Valerie Howard, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN
Dean and Professor, UNC School of Nursing &
Lorie Rhine, MSN, RN, NE-BC
Chief Nurse Executive, UNC Health System
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm District Break Out Meetings**
**5:00pm – 7:00pm Exhibitor Gallery Reception – Grandville Ballrooms A/B
Gift Basket Raffle and Prize Drawing (6:00pm)
Welcome by Reception Sponsor: Wolters Kluwer**

Friday, March 14, 2025 (Grandville Ballrooms C/D)

- 7:00am Registration Opens**
- 7:30am – 8:30am Breakfast in Grandville Ballrooms C/D**
- 7:30am – 8:30am CNO Breakfast in the Nottingham Room - Second Floor
Breakfast Sponsor: Duke Health**
- 8:30am – 8:45am Research Awards Ceremony**
- 8:45am – 9:00am Day 2 Recap**
- 9:00am – 10:00am CNO Breakout Session
“Leader Inspired Work”
Joel Ray, MSN, RN, NEA-BC
Colonel, (Ret.) USAF, NC
Chief Clinical Advisor, Laudio**
- 9:00am – 10:00am “Natural Leader, Effective Manager? The quandary of role clarity”
Sarah Lackey, DNP, RN, ACC, CMC, CPQC
Cone Health
Nursing Excellence & Retention**
- 10:00am – 10:30am Break/Check-Out**
- 10:30am – 11:30am “Igniting Joy and Agility:
Transforming Nursing Leadership for Healthier Work Environments”
Melissa A. Fitzpatrick, MSN, RN, FAAN
President, Kirby Bates Associates**
- 11:30am – 12:30pm “AONL Updates: Workforce Compendium & Digital Technology”
Deb Zimmermann, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
Patricia Mook, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CAVRN, FAONL**
- 12:30pm Closing Remarks/Adjournment
Chantal Howard DNP, RN, CEN, NEA-BC
NCONL President**