



2026 Vizient Nursing Programs Conference

Nurse Residency Program Coordinator track agenda

Track key
Culture
Engagement strategies
Innovation
Data
Program operations

Monday, March 23, 2026

Time (PT)	Topic	Speakers
7:15 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Registration Desk Open	
8:15 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.	M2 Pre-conference: Rise & Design: The Simulation Hackathon Challenge <i>(Must be pre-registered) *</i>	Vickie Adams, Brittany Beckmann and Dana Garcher, <i>Vizient Inc.</i>
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.	M1 Pre-conference: Igniting Your Journey: Foundational NRP Coordinator Training <i>(Must be pre-registered) *</i>	Kristin Klutz and Lindsay Ross, <i>Vizient Inc.</i>
3:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.	M3 Let the Journey Begin: Welcome to Phoenix Rising	Kelly Gallagher, <i>Vizient Inc.</i>
3:30 P.M.– 4:30 P.M.	M4 Keynote Address: A Champions Mindset from Adversity to Triumph: Strategies for Overcoming Any Obstacle to Thrive Through Any Challenge	Chaunté Lowe, <i>Olympian</i>
4:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	M5 Race to Rise: The Phoenix Challenge	Vickie Adams and Meg Ingram, <i>Vizient Inc.</i>
5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.	Desert Oasis: A Sunset Soiree	

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Time (PT)	Topic	Speakers
7:15 A.M. – 3:25 P.M.	Registration Desk Open	
7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast	

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7:45 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.	[Pre-registration] Breakfast Sponsorship Session: CCNE - CCNE Accreditation for Your System? Of Course You Can!	Faith Cantrell, <i>UCHealth</i> Jo-Anne Senneff, <i>Houston Methodist</i> Benjamin Murray, <i>Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education</i>
	[Pre-registration] Breakfast Sponsorship Session: Building Resilience and Ethical Practice: The Maryland R ³ Resilient Nurses Initiative	Cynda Rushton and Mary Golway, <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>
8:30 A.M.– 9:40 A.M.	T1 Keynote Address: Everyday Ethics, Enduring Values: Navigating Change with Purpose and Clarity *	Aliza Narva, <i>Penn Medicine</i> Aimee Milliken, <i>Boston College</i>
		Alexandria Renquinha, <i>Riverside Health</i> Kathleen Stapleton and Christina Quillen, <i>Lehigh Valley Health Network part of Jefferson Health</i>
9:40 A.M. – 10:25 A.M.	T2 Elevate and Inspire: The Journey of Successful Nurse Resident Projects Part 1 *	Vejal Brijlal and Emmanuel Nwagwu, <i>SBH Health System</i> Destinee A. White-Foster, <i>Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center</i>
10:25 A.M.– 10:55 A.M.	Networking Break and Exhibitors Open	
10:55 A.M. – 11:25 A.M.	T3:1 Evaluating the Impact: Shadowing and Shared Governance Integration *	Cheryl S. Coleman, <i>UNC Hospitals</i>
	T3:2 Protecting the Space of the Graduate Nurse *	Ashley Arehart, <i>Oregon Health & Science University</i> Beckie Trevino and Whitney Bernecker, <i>Bryan Health</i>
11:35 A.M. – 12:05 P.M.	T4:1 Level the Playing Field: Medical/Surgical Recruitment Strategies *	Anthony Gonzalez, <i>Memorial Healthcare</i>
	T4:2 Professional Development Associate Impact on NRP's Success *	Sherry Monteleone and Sydney Denmark, <i>Children's Hospital of Philadelphia</i>
11:55 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.	Lunch and Exhibitors Open	

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1:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.	T5:1 Rising in Innovation: SPARKing engagement *	Katherine Lewin, <i>Stony Brook University Hospital</i> Rebecca Hindman, <i>University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center</i> Roni Potter and Johnelle Keck, <i>UR Medicine</i> Whitney K. Maddux and Hannah Everett, <i>Willis Knighton Health</i>
2:25 P.M. – 2:55 P.M.	T6:1 Voyaging through the Wild West: Year 2 *	Kortney Welles, <i>Lehigh Valley Health Network part of Jefferson Health</i>
	T6:2 Standardizing Nurse Residency Across the System *	Anita Baldoni and Jennifer Heard, <i>Geisinger Health System</i>
2:55 P.M. – 3:25 P.M.	Networking and Exhibitor Break	
3:25 P.M. – 4:10 P.M.	T7 Award ceremony: Soaring to Success: The Vizient Nursing Awards Celebration	
4:10 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.	Nurse Resident Poster Reception and Awards Celebration	

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Time (PT)	Topic	Speakers
7:00 A.M. – 4:15 P.M.	Registration Desk Open	
7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.	Breakfast	
	[Pre-registration] Breakfast Sponsorship Session: Labster - Bridging the Gap: Building Practice-Ready Nurses for Modern Healthcare	Dr. Christine Heid
7:15 A.M. – 7:45 A.M.	[Pre-registration] Breakfast Sponsorship Session: Wolters Kluwer/OVID Synthesis	Representatives from Goshen Health and Children’s Medical Center of Dallas

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		Jana Leotta, <i>Penn Medicine</i>
8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	W1 Elevate and Inspire: The Journey of Successful Nurse Resident Projects Part 2 *	Emilee C. Mendez and Joceline Cienfuegos, <i>University of Texas Medical Branch</i> Baylee Petry, Kenzi Chenoweth, and Lindsay Glover, <i>Reid Health</i>
		Olivia Lafferty and Samantha Enz, <i>Jefferson Einstein</i>
		Kayla Gregory, <i>OSU The James Cancer Center</i>
9:05 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.	W2:1 The New Nurse Experience: Voices from the Frontline of Transition *	Kathryn Kabat, <i>Northwestern Medicine</i> Jaya Ramcharitar, <i>NYC Health & Hospitals Elmhurst</i>
		Klade Rodriguez, <i>Baylor Scott & White Health</i>
10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	W3:1 Empowering New Nurses Through Workplace Violence Prevention Training *	Danielle Brooks and Heather Tetrault, <i>University of Vermont Medical Center</i>
	W3:2 One Round at a Time: Supporting Nurse Residents in Large Cohorts *	Madeline Crosby Fu and Caitlin Marie Glandon, <i>OhioHealth</i>
10:40 A.M. – 11:10 A.M.	W4:1 Building Bridges: Integrating Peer Support into Practice *	Valentina Allicino and Majula Stanislaus, <i>NYU Langone Long Island</i>
	W4:2 Nurse Tank: Diving Deep into Evidence-Based Practice *	Kayla Long and Jessi Wilson, <i>Colquitt Regional Medical Center</i>
11:20 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	W5 Announcement of Poster Winners and Nurse Resident Closing	
11:30 A.M. – 12:40 P.M.	Lunch and Exhibitors open	
12:40 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.	W6 Ignite. Learn. Elevate: Findings from the Vizient Nurse Residency Program Dataset *	Kaile Crawford and Mary Lynn, <i>Vizient Inc.</i>
		Meg Ingram and Evy Olson, <i>Vizient Inc.</i>
1:10 P.M. – 1:40 P.M.	W7 The Oasis Ahead: State of the Program and the Road Forward *	

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		Renee Cherfane and Caitlin Debes, <i>Cooper University Health Care</i>
1:45 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.	W8 Unlocking Learning in the Desert: A Gaming Experience for Nurse Residency Leaders *	Nichole Covert and Christine Chappell, <i>St. Joseph's Health</i>
		Marlena Smith, <i>UAB Hospital</i>
		Holly Hopkins, <i>Wellstar Paulding Medical Center</i>
2:45 P.M. – 3:05 P.M.	Networking and Exhibitor Break	
	W9:1 Academic Alliances: Strengthening Nurse Residency Pathways *	Erika RuthAnn Millsaps, <i>Reid Health</i>
3:05 P.M. – 3:35 P.M.	W9:2 Succession Planning from Resident to Program Coordinator and Beyond *	Delaney Finewood, Margarita Inglima, Jamie Schuh, <i>Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center</i>
	W9:3 Renewal Through Reflection: Evolving Nurse Residency Programs with Vizient Evaluation Data! *	Lane Adamson and Kaile Crawford, <i>Vizient Inc.</i>
3:45 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.	W10:1 What Nurse Residents Want in the Interview Process *	Tiffany Montgomery, <i>Children's Health Dallas</i>
	W10:2 From Game Board to Bedside: Exploring SDoH*	Krista Jackson, <i>Parkland Hospital</i>
	W10:3 The Phoenix Principle: Measuring What Truly Matters in Nurse Residency Return on Investment *	Palvi Caldarola and Kailie Crawford, <i>Vizient Inc.</i>
4:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.	Coordinator Poster Reception and Exhibitor's Open	

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Time (PT)	Topic	Speakers
7:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	Registration Desk Open	
7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.	Breakfast	
7:15 A.M. – 7:45 A.M.	[Pre-registration required] Breakfast Sponsorship Session: ANCC	Sheri Cosme, <i>American Nurses Credentialing Center</i>
8:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.	TH1 Reflection to Direction: Career Concept for New Nurses*	Heather Graham, Virginia Nganga and Joe Reinhart, <i>The Johns Hopkins Health System</i>
8:40 A.M. – 9:10 A.M.	TH2:1 The Pulse of Progress: Curriculum that Engages Nurses *	Mary Collins, Nicole D'Avella, Sanietra Eckles, Maura Gallagher, Allison Healy, Bianca Innaurato, Michelle Keller-Oglesby, Rebecca Murphy, Alyssa Ryan, Caylee Marie Wolf, <i>Penn Medicine</i>

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	TH2:2 How Protected Time Increases NGRN and Preceptor Outcomes *	Megan Brown and Kaili Hoover <i>Tucson Medical Center</i>
9:20 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.	TH3:1 Hop on the Retention Railroad: Keeping Newly Licensed Nurses on Track *	Debra Brownsey and Emily Winters, <i>Kaleida Health</i>
	TH3:2 Catching the Wave of Nurse Residency All Across Tennessee *	Cherese Brooks and Ferrol Thomas, <i>Tennessee Hospital Association</i>
10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	TH4 Evidence-Based Practice Through the ACE “Practice” Pathway *	Claire NeSmith, <i>Wellstar Health System</i> Dana Garcher, <i>Vizient Inc.</i>
10:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	TH5 Phoenix Rising: Carrying the Flame Forward	Megan Buckley and Lindsay Ross, <i>Vizient Inc.</i>

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