



2026 Vizient Nursing Programs Conference

Nurse Resident track agenda

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>
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

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7:15 A.M. – 3:25 P.M.	Registration Desk Open	
7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast	
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>

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		Alexandria Renquinha, <i>Riverside Health</i>
9:40 A.M. – 10:25 A.M.	T2 Elevate and Inspire: The Journey of Successful Nurse Resident Projects Part 1 *	Kathleen Stapleton and Christina Quillen, <i>Lehigh Valley Health Network part of Jefferson Health</i> 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. – 11:55 P.M.	T3:3 Burn Bright, Not Out: Strategies for Well-Being and Balance *	Renee Jewell and Allen Kirby, <i>Parkland Health</i>
11:55 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.	Lunch and Exhibitors Open	
		Ximena Lopez and Felicity Pope, <i>Houston Methodist</i>
1:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.	T5:2 SPARK Rising: Advancing Clinical Excellence Through ACE Initiatives *	Chanchal Ghai, Hannah Meyer, Ashley Wojton, and Brandon Zellner, <i>Lehigh Valley Health Network part of Jefferson Health</i> Liliya Khasanova, <i>NYC Health & Hospitals SBH</i> Allie Baker and Briana Leathers <i>UAB Hospital</i>
2:25 P.M. – 2:55 P.M.	T6:3 Ignite the Flame: A Networking Experience to Spark Connection and Growth *	Dana Garcher and Kristin Klutz, <i>Vizient Inc.</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

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7:00 A.M. – 4:15 P.M.	Registration Desk Open	
7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.	Breakfast	
8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	W1 Elevate and Inspire: The Journey of Successful Nurse Resident Projects Part 2 *	Jana Leotta, <i>Penn Medicine</i> 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>
9:05 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.	W2:1 The New Nurse Experience: Voices from the Frontline of Transition *	Kayla Gregory, <i>OSU The James Cancer Center</i> Kathryn Kabat, <i>Northwestern Medicine</i> Jaya Ramcharitar, <i>NYC Health & Hospitals Elmhurst</i> Klade Rodriguez, <i>Baylor Scott & White Health</i>
	W2:2 Collective Voices: Sharing Experiences, Shaping the Future (<i>Must be pre-registered</i>)	
10:20 A.M. – 11:10 A.M.	W3:3 Nursing Pathways: Perspectives on Career and Professional Growth *	Dana Garcher and Evy Olson, <i>Vizient Inc.</i> Christen Hunt, <i>Kaufmann Hall</i> Taylor Lamia, <i>NYU Langone Health</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	

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