

Professional Issues Conference - Embracing AI for New Pathways in Nursing

Event Agenda

Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 8:00am CT - 5:00pm CT

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8:00am - 8:30am

Registration Opens

8:30am - 8:45am

Intro/Welcome by President

W. Zeh Wellington DNP, RN, NE-BC

8:45am - 9:45pm

HUMAN-CENTERED LEADERSHIP IN THE AGE OF AI: PREVENTING NURSE BURNOUT WHILE EMBRACING INNOVATIONS

Michael Levitt, Certified NLP/CBT Therapist, HR Management

1.0 CE Credit

As artificial intelligence transforms the landscape of nursing, from clinical workflows to education and administrative tasks, it brings incredible opportunities and new stressors for frontline professionals. Amid this technological evolution, nurse burnout remains a critical threat to retention, performance, and patient care.

In this compelling session, Michael D. Levitt, a global thought leader in workplace culture and burnout recovery, explores how AI can be leveraged as a tool for efficiency and as a catalyst for restoring humanity in nursing. Drawing from over 15 years of leadership experience in healthcare and social services, Mike shares actionable strategies for fostering resilient teams, adapting leadership styles to AI-augmented environments, and creating a psychologically safe workplace for nurses navigating rapid change.

Attendees will leave with a refreshed perspective on AI, not as a threat, but as a partner in driving sustainable care models, improving mental health outcomes, and empowering nursing professionals at every level to lead with clarity and compassion in a digitally enhanced future.

9:45am - 10:00am

Break/Exhibit Hall

10:00am - 11:00am

Keynote Session - AI and the Art of Care

Amy K. McCarthy, DNP, RNC-MNN, NE-BC, CENP

1.0 CE Credit

Presentation Objectives:

1. Understand the Role of Generative AI in Nursing
 - o Explore how generative AI can support and enhance nursing practices, including clinical decision-making and personalized care planning.
 2. Identify Practical Applications of Generative AI in Patient Care
 - o Examine real-world use cases that demonstrate the integration of AI-driven tools into nursing workflows.
 3. Evaluate Ethical Considerations of AI in Healthcare
 - o Discuss the ethical implications of adopting AI in nursing, focusing on maintaining patient-centered care and preserving the human touch.
 4. Empower Nurse Leaders in AI Integration
 - o Highlight the evolving role of nurse leaders in understanding, implementing, and advocating for AI-driven solutions in healthcare settings.
 5. Foster Innovation While Upholding Core Nursing Values
 - o Gain insights into balancing technological advancements with the compassionate, patient-focused essence of nursing.
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11:00am - 11:15am

Break/Exhibit Hall

11:15am - 12:15pm

Membership Meeting

President Address

Report from the Treasurer

Election Results

Recognition Awards

12:15pm - 1:30pm

Lunch/Exhibit Hall

1:30pm - 2:30pm

An APRN's Experience Using AI-Assisted Technology in Psychotherapy Practice

Anna Bretschneider PhD, APRN-FPA, PMHCNS-BC, NEA-BC

1.0 CE Credit

This presentation is about the presenter's experience and reflection on introducing and using AI-technology in clinical practice, which deepened her human-centered nursing practice in helping clients feel seen and heard. Description of Practice: The presenter piloted the use of AI-technology for clinical documentation of psychotherapy sessions, which immediately opened-up an unencumbered access to verbatim narrative analysis for direct client-engagement and clinician reference, and post-session client summary. Organizational authority and stakeholders input was incorporated and professional practice standards of client confidentiality, health information protection, and informed consent were reviewed as part of adopting this technology. Method of Evaluation: After implementing an AI-assisted documentation technology developed for mental health clinicians, the presenter found more value in the opportunity for closer reading, reflection, and deeper understanding of verbatim session dialogue and captured therapeutic processes, than the time-saving measure of the AI-technology application, itself. Results: Personally observed and verbalized client outcomes included satisfaction with service enhancement, increased client and family education, increased client-centered engagement opportunity, positive perception of the quality and 'depth' of the therapy facilitated, increased motivation to attend therapy, and raised client expectation of personally-tailored clinical feedback. Nurse therapist outcomes included workload efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and incorporation of client's verbatim narrative for therapist use and analysis for case formulation and session preparation.

2:30pm - 2:45pm

Break

2:45pm - 3:45pm

Rebecca Abraham Presentation - Title TBD

Rebecca Abraham RN, BSN

1.0 CE Credit

3:45pm - 4:45pm

DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR AI NURSING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Janet Davis MSN. MBA, PhD, RN, CNE

1.0 CE Credit

This session will equip participants with available resources to evaluate the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the nurse's roles and responsibilities. Realistically, nurses have not been prepared for the overall impact of AI on healthcare. Currently, the nursing profession faces issues and problems about AI practice standards. Nursing emphasizes the ethical aspects of using AI, including advocacy, cooperation, and accountability in caregiving. In light of these values, nurses have protested publicly against AI in their practices and have also rallied to empower nurses in deciding whether and how AI is used. The nursing profession is charged with ensuring the safe, effective, and competent delivery of healthcare with AI health technologies. Therefore, nurses must be part of forming practice guidance for AI healthcare, rather than reactive if something goes wrong. Competencies in AI technology are found in nursing education standards. Nursing scope and standards of practice along with regulatory requirements and ethical guidance provide rationale for nursing roles and responsibilities in AI healthcare. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the American Nurses Association, the International Council of Nurses, and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing have published resources that provide credible expert opinion for developing nursing roles and responsibilities in AI healthcare. Using these resources, participants will generate sample questions to evaluate the impact of 1) AI humanoid robot delegation and 2) virtual nursing supervision on nurse roles and responsibilities.

4:45pm - 5:00pm

Wrap Up/Adjourn