



2022 Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) Summit Contemporary Perspective of the CNL: Versatility and Leadership

February 17-19, 2022

**Due to the transition to a virtual format specific dates and times for sessions will be posted soon*

Plenary Sessions:

Healthcare Leadership through COVID-19 and Beyond: Finding Insights and Inspiration Amidst Crisis and Change

Leaders at all levels continue to be challenged by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and have responded with individual and collective dedication, courage, versatility, teamwork, and resolve to redesign healthcare systems and work environments. Dr. Apostolakos, a highly regarded Chief Medical Officer and expert in quality and safety, has been at the forefront of treating, monitoring, and serving as a community resource since the pandemic began. He will share his reflections on the values, vulnerabilities, and strategies, including critical relationships and partnerships that are redefining meaningful and effective leadership practices in healthcare organizations and across communities. Learn what aspects of healthcare delivery he sees changing and how these new understandings can inform a shared vision for healthcare delivery beyond the pandemic and establish priorities to address systemic gaps and disparities.

Speaker: Michael John Apostolakos, MD, FCCP, Chief Medical Officer, Vice President, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY; Georgia and Thomas Gosnell Professor in Quality and Safety and Professor of Medicine and Public Health Sciences

Leadership at the Point of Care: The CNL Role and New Horizons in Health Care

Dr. Sherman, a nationally known researcher and expert on nursing leadership and practice, designed one of the original CNL post-master's programs and has advised practice settings on CNL role implementation. In this presentation, she will focus on today's healthcare environment, implications for CNL practice and education, and opportunities for the CNL. The presentation will explore how the CNL fits into the new healthcare environment and can play key roles in emerging care models.

Speaker: Rose O. Sherman, EdD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Emeritus Professor at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University; faculty member in the Marian K Shaughnessy Nursing Leadership Academy at Case Western Reserve University

Transforming Care Delivery and Redesigning CNL Practice

Healthcare leaders are seeking innovative ways to improve outcomes and better utilize scarce resources, particularly registered nurses. CNLs are central to the redesign of these new models of care and are critical to enhancing the patient care experience and containing costs. Discover how CNLs are being integrated across the health system and transforming health care.

Speakers: Kristen Knowles DNP, CNL, LSSGB, University of South Alabama Health; Dawn Straub MSN, RN, NEA-BC Executive Director, Nursing professional Practice & Informatics, Nebraska Medicine; Marjorie Wiggins, DNP, RN, CNO, Maine Health System;

Inclusive Leadership: Advocacy and Activism

The Future of Nursing 2020–2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity (2021) emphasized the critical role nurses must have in addressing the “uneven access to conditions needed for good health.” As nurses, CNLs experience the impact of the social determinants of health, health inequities, and systemic racism on peoples’ lives and particularly their health and are asking “How can we do better? How can I do better?” Hear from a reknown speaker on leadership development, diversity and inclusion, social innovation, and change management on how we as individuals and nurses move from voicing concerns to actions. Learn more about what is needed to prepare CNLs to practice activism and advocacy as part of their professional role.

Speaker: Dr. Damon A. Williams, Chief Catalyst, Center for Strategic Diversity Leadership & Social Innovation, Senior Scholar & Innovation Fellow, Wisconsin’s Equity & Inclusion (Wei) Laboratory University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

Workshop: Future Directions for the CNL

With the goal of meeting the changing needs of the healthcare system and improving both care outcomes and access, attendees will explore the future of CNL education, certification, and practice. This workshop will be a hands-on, interactive session, including introductory remarks, large group discussion, and small group exercises. Come prepared to be part of shaping the future of CNL education and practice.

Moderated by Rob Rose, PhD, RN, Chief Nursing Officer, Carolinas Health System, and Tanya Sudia, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean, Augusta University

Concurrent Sessions:

Promoting Your Professional Persona

The CNL, both novice and experienced, needs to know how to best communicate this nursing role to future employers, members of the healthcare team, healthcare leaders, and policy makers. Explore how to be an advocate for yourself and for the CNL role, with ideas on how to communicate effectively using social media, creating a dynamic elevator speech, and networking to build collaborative practice.

Speaker: Robert LaPointe, MSN, RN, CNL, CPHQ, Assistant Clinical Professor, Drexel University, Professional Development Specialist, CMC VA Medical Center, Philadelphia

Preparing for the CNL Certification Exam (This session is a double session. Individuals choosing this session should plan on attending both sessions.)

As employer demand for nurses with the CNL skill set continues to grow, it is critical for CNL graduates to become certified to demonstrate their expertise. Earning the CNL credential reflects a deep personal commitment and sense of accountability, inspiring credibility, and confidence in a CNL’s professional knowledge. This workshop will include an overview of the CNL

certification exam, as well as its administration. Participants also will hear tips and tools to assist in preparing for the exam.

Speakers: Alice Poyss, PhD, CRNP, CNL, CS, Associate Clinical Professor, Drexel University and Shantal Johnson, Director, Commission on Nursing Certification (CNC)

What Does CNL Success Look Like?

For over 12 years, Dr. Bender has focused on CNL practice, models of complex care, and effective implementation of the CNL role and skill set. Hear the preliminary findings from her latest national-level study to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the Clinical Nurse Leader Care Model in improving quality and safety outcomes.

Speaker: Miriam Bender, PhD RN, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs at the Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing, University of California, Irvine

Versatility of the CNL and Changing Leadership Roles

The pandemic and other system stressors have created significant gaps in our nation's healthcare system. Employers looked to CNLs to address these gaps, and CNLs found new ways to meet the challenge. Hear how CNLs and their skill set prepared them for new roles and opportunities to lead change.

Speakers: Kerry McLaughlin, MS, RN, CNL, WellStar, Georgia; Rachel Steffen, MS, RN-BC, CNL, Program Director of Nursing Informatics, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY

Advancing Your Career: Building on the CNL Skill Set

Explore how earning a DNP can advance your career, build on your CNL education and practice, and expand your influence across the healthcare system. Hear how three CNLs who returned to school to earn a DNP have advanced their careers, expanded their expertise, and created new practice opportunities.

Speakers: Tru Byrnes, DNP, RN, GERO-BC, CNL, CMSRN; Heena Nagarji, DNP, BS, RN, CNL; Sheniece L. Griffin, DNP, RN, CNL, Nursing Director for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY; Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing, University of Rochester School of Nursing