



NC AHEC

7TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE CELEBRATION OF

Rural Nursing

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024

Bridging the Gaps to Improve Access to Care

Friday, November 15, 2024 | 8 a.m. - 3:25 p.m. | Livestream Webinar

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As we continue to celebrate the unique role and essential service of nursing in rural healthcare, the NC AHEC Nurse Council welcomes you to join us for the 7th Annual NC AHEC Celebration of Rural Nursing Conference in honor of National Rural Health Day. This year we will address statewide healthcare network resources and pathways to improve access to care for your patients and families.

Our expert speaker faculty and panel members will be diverse in offering a variety of community health agencies and interprofessional service providers whose focus is prevention, primary care, improving public health and rural access. The learner will gain new knowledge of updated and new programs across North Carolina and how to gain utilization and agency partnership support in the communities you serve.

This conference is designed for all nurses who are serving vulnerable populations in under-resourced and rural areas and those interested in healthcare prevention, primary care, school health and community health for all ages across the continuum of holistic care of integrated behavioral and physical health.

**This program is supported by NC AHEC Nurse Council
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Agenda

- 7:45 a.m. Log into Live Webinar
- 8 a.m. Welcome/Announcements - AHEC
- 8:10 a.m. **NC Opioid and Controlled Substance Dispensations: Statewide Trends and Impact on Rural Regions**
Savannah Simpson, MSPH, NC DHHS
- 8:55 a.m. Break
- 9 a.m. **NC AHEC Collaborative Care Model and Integrating BH**
Liz Griffin, MSW, LCSW, NC AHEC
- 9:30 a.m. **Nurse-Led Mobile Health Clinic Serving Rural and Under-Resourced Populations**
Audrey Snyder, PhD, RN, FAANP, FAEN, FAAN, UNC Greensboro
Sandra Yamane, DNP, RN, AGNP-C, UNC Greensboro
Sarah Apel, MSN, RN, RNC-OB, UNC Greensboro
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:40 a.m. **Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiatives and Panel Discussion**
Presenter & Moderator:
Evan Richardson, CNM, MSN, MAHEC
CHW Panelists:
 - **Care Ring:** *Blanca Labrada*
 - **Formerly Incarcerated Transition Program (NC FIT):** *Deborah Rose*
 - **NC Office of Rural Health:** *Moneka Midgette, MPA*
 - **Recovery Community Care:** *Karen Russell, CPSS, CHW*
- 11:55 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. **Statewide Community Resources**
Access to Care
 - **Medicaid Expansion**
Hollis Smith, BA, Care Share Health Alliance
 - **NCCARE 360**
*Elizabeth Murray, MPH, NCCARE360, NC DHHS***Chronic Disease Management & Preventative Health**
 - **WISEWOMAN and Breast and Cervical Cancer Program**
Ciara Rukse, DrPH, MPH, NC DHHS
 - **DiabetesFree Program**
*Meg Sargent, BS, NC DHHS***Behavioral Health**
 - **NC MATTERS Maternal Mental Health**
Carolina Alford, LCSW, LCASA
 - **NC Psychiatry Access Line (NC PAL)**
Catherine Cheely, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC, PMHS
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:40 p.m. **Diabetes Management in Rural Health: Bridging the Gap**
Taren O. Hunt, MSN, FNP, BC-ADM, CPT, UNC Health Southeastern
- 3:25 p.m. Adjourn

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Fee

Fee	Description
\$35.00	Early-bird rate if registered by Oct 25, 2024
\$50.00	Registration after October 25, 2024

Credit

Contact Hours: 5.75

Nursing Contact Hours: 5.75 Nursing Contact Hours will be awarded to participants who attend 90% of this educational activity.

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- Registrants cancelling between two weeks and two full business days prior to the first day of the event are refunded at 70% of the registration fee subject to a minimum \$25 cancellation fee.
- No refunds or credits will be given for cancellations received less than two full business days prior to the event.
- Cancellations greater than 2 weeks prior to the event will receive 100% refund.
- No vouchers will be issued in lieu of a refund.
- Transfers/substitute(s) welcome (notify in advance of the program).

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