

NPGO BLAST

July 11, 2024

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

[Click here](#) to read the full updates, and print & post for your practice area!

Headlines:

Enhancing Patient Safety and Infection Prevention
Clinical Decision Support for CHG Exposure Testing
Spiked Blood Products That Are NOT Transfused
July Epic Bundle Highlights
Restraint Education Documentation Updates
Adult Procedural Sedation Order Sets

Past editions are available on the [NPGO Practice News](#) website.

Champion Resources

Champion Resources & Weekly Updates [here](#).

Blast Answer

Congratulations to last week's Blast winner: **Jeannie Boatwright**, RN Clinician 2, PACU!

Last week we asked the following: *Which recognition program allows team members and managers to nominate their peers and employees to reward for exemplary performance while demonstrating our core values at UVA?*

The Answer: The ASPIRE Bonus Program is designed to reward team members for exemplary performance while demonstrating our core values of *Accountability, Stewardship, Professionalism, Integrity, Respect, and Equity*. [Recognizing Team Members- UVA HR](#)

Professional Development

UVA School of Nursing Info Session | *What Nursing Program is Right for Me?*

Learn more about UVA SON's programs, including RN-to-BSN, Accelerated BSN, CNL, BSN-to-DNP, and MSN-to-DNP, seven specialty master's and post-master's tracks, and their PhD in nursing program for future nurse scientists.

- [RSVP](#) for the September 25 at 1730 Info Session via Zoom
- [Schedule time](#) to meet with a Student Ambassador or admissions counselor

Scroll to the end of this week's BLAST for a lot more details and info sessions for their RN to BSN, CNL, and APRN (MSN & DNP) degree programs.

Connect. Learn. Grow. | Sign-ups EXTENDED through July 18!

Five uniquely tailored Mentorship programs for UVA Nurses or aspiring UVA Nurses are **open for registration now through July 18**. Use this tool to help you meet your professional development goals, build relationships, and find extra support outside of your department. Make the commitment to invest in yourself this Fall!



Programs include: RN Degrees (ADN programs and beyond), Clinician 1 Transition to Practice, Night Shift Clinicians, Experienced RNs, and Formal Nurse Leaders

Click or scan the QR code to learn more about this unique UVA resource! Fall semester is September – February.

UVA's 2024 Advanced Practice Conference

Advancing Professional Growth, Education, and Excellence (APOGEE): Expanding Excellence in Advanced Practice Across the Continuum

Dates: October 10-11, 2024

Time: 0700-1700

Location: UVA Newcomb Hall, 180 McCormick Road, Charlottesville, VA

Use this **flier** to register for the conference and to learn more about it.

VNA Members: Reminder 2024 Elections for VNA Board are Opened!

We have several UVA nursing team members running for **positions on the VNA Board**. If you are a VNA member, please don't forget to vote; you should have already received your email with the link to vote!

Nursing Updates

Nominate a Health Unit Coordinator | Deadline: Thursday, July 18

There is **ONE WEEK** left to recognize our Health Unit Coordinators' important role in showing kindness and empathy to our patients, their families, and each other. Read through the **criteria and eligibility requirements** and consider nominating one or more of your well-deserved peers for these honors.

You're Invited – UVA Nursing Town Hall

Our CNO Kathy Baker and ACNOs Veronica Brill & Karin Skeen invite you to participate in the Nursing Town Hall for UVA Registered Nurses! **Click here** to RSVP and submit your questions for the Q&A by the 26th (have DUO ready).

When: Wednesday, July 31, 1400-1500

Where: Sandridge Auditorium or via **WebEx link**

NPGO Candidacy Opportunity

The NPGO Nominating Committee seeks candidates who meet the criteria for leadership positions in the NPGO. We know so many of you would be excellent in these roles! We are seeking candidates' names for the 2025 President-Elect and Nominating Committee members.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving in one of these roles in 2025, please complete our **candidacy application**. For more information about NPGO Officers, Nominating Committee process, or elections, please visit our **nomination's web page** on the NPGO website. You can contact any of the Nominating Committee members (**Mesha Jones**, **Lashanda Baker**, **Kelly Barnes**, **Rachel Brydge**, or **Alicia White**) if you have questions!

Next Week | NPGO Night Shift Committee Meeting

Join us at the July Night Shift Committee meeting, **early Friday morning on July 19, 02:00-0300** in the Medical Center Board Room. **Kathleen Rea**, Clinical Nurse Specialist, will be joining us to discuss the new Clinical Onboarding Process and Preceptor Improvement.

- Check out the agenda topics and meeting details by [clicking here](#). Light refreshments are provided.
- Night Shifters – [Use this survey](#) to share your recent achievements, such as new certifications, promotions, degrees, and more, so we can celebrate you at the meeting!
- [Click here to sign up](#) to receive information about monthly night shift meetings and happenings.

VNF Leadership Excellence and Virginia Magnet Consortium Awards

Deadline: Wednesday, July 31. These awards are based on the premise that a nurse enhances the self-image of professional nursing, has a positive value orientation, and promotes the professional development of self and others as evidenced by maintaining competence in nursing and responding to challenges with innovative approaches.

[Click here to review criteria and eligibility](#) and consider nominating one of your colleagues for these honors.

VNF Leadership Excellence Award categories:

- Direct Patient Care Leader - Patient Safety
- Direct Patient Care Leader - Patient Experience
- Public Health Nurse
- Nurse Manager/Director
- Nurse Educator
- Nurse Researcher
- Nursing Informatics
- Public / State Government Service

Virginia Magnet Consortium Award categories:

- Transformational Leadership
- Structural Empowerment
- Exemplary Professional Practice
- New Knowledge, Innovations, and Improvements
- Empirical Outcomes

Nominate an APP | Deadline: Wednesday, July 31

Nominations for 2024 Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Week are now open. This is your opportunity to celebrate the excellence of your colleagues and peers. Select the category that best fits their achievements and [submit your nomination](#) to honor their outstanding contributions. Let's come together to recognize and celebrate those who exemplify excellence in their field. [Click here](#) for more information.

UVA School of Nursing Info Sessions

RN to BSN program

Earn a BSN on your terms! UVA's RN to BSN program is a part-time, two-year, fast-track to all the personal, professional, and financial benefits a BSN brings. It's affordable too: 60% of RN to BSN students in the class of 2024 paid \$0 in tuition, and 97% of those who applied for financial aid and scholarships earned them. Learn more at an upcoming Zoom info session with our friendly recruiter Kim Dieber, or book a one-on-one advising session with her [here](#) to discuss your particular goals.

- [RSVP](#) for the July 24 at 1600 Zoom Info Session
- [RSVP](#) for the August 8 at 1800 Zoom Info Session

CNL program, including the part-time RN to CNL master's program

A part-time, two-year program focused on leadership and evidence-based practice that offers working nurses who've already earned a BSN perspective on how to drive quality improvements and change at the bedside, on the unit, and throughout the health system. Join us on Zoom to hear from current

students and faculty members or **book a one-on-one advising session** with admissions dean Austin Stajduhar to discuss your particular goals.

- **RSVP** for the September 10 at 1730 Zoom Info Session
- **RSVP** for the October 8 at 1730 Zoom Info Session
- **RSVP** for the November 12 at 1730 Zoom Info Session

APRN (MSN & DNP) programs

Are you looking for a specialty certification to become a nurse practitioner? Want to make diagnoses and prescribe medications? Care for patients as an autonomous primary care provider or open your own clinic? Our master's and doctoral-level programs are for you. Meet some of our current students and learn about our programs, including our seven specialty master's tracks and our BSN to DNP and MSN to DNP tracks at this Zoom. You can also or **book a one-on-one advising session** with admissions dean Austin Stajduhar to discuss your particular goals.

- **RSVP** for the September 18 at 0730 Zoom Info Session
- **RSVP** for the October 16 at 0730 Zoom Info Session
- **RSVP** for the November 20 at 1730 Zoom Info Session

UVA School of Nursing Pediatric APRN Track Un-Paused!

The UVA SON is excited to announce that it has un-paused applications to their pediatric nurse practitioner primary care, pediatric nurse practitioner acute care, and neonatal nurse practitioner tracks, for students who enroll in the school's new three-year BSN to DNP program (pending final SCHEV approval; SCHEV review is expected to be completed in September 2024) as well as students seeking post-masters certifications in these areas.

The new BSN to DNP program — offered in both full and part-time formats — meets the needs of the majority of our graduate students: working nurses. The new program requires students to attend class on Grounds about once a month, with the remainder of their learning completed online. The program aligns with national trends in nurse practitioner education and will allow students to complete 750 hours of direct care practicum.

Applications for the new BSN to DNP, as well as all other APRN programs, opened July 1 for a fall 2025 start date!

Recognition

Congratulations!

- **Annette Kidd**, RN Clinician 2, Main OR, obtained her CNOR certification.
- **Chris Moubray**, MSN, AMB-BC, CNML, Nursing Professional Development Specialist, obtained her NPD-BC.

Amy Jordan, BSN, RN PMGT-BC
Clinician 4 | Off-Site Anesthesia
2024 NPGO President

Danita Massie, MSN, RN, CNL
Clinician 4 | Interventional Radiology
2024 NPGO President-Elect

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