

NPGO BLAST

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UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

Bridle Pro Range In-Services 7/8-7/10

GE 12 Lead ECG Update

Patient Safety Moment: Pain Assessment and Management

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

Nursing Updates

Time is running out! | Applications for NPGO President-elect candidacy open through July 31!

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 for the 2027 President-elect position.

Interested in serving or have questions about the office of President-elect? The Nominating Committee hosted a Panel Discussion featuring recent NPGO Presidents answering some of the most common questions about this important position. You may go to the Nominations and Elections web page for more information about this position and to view the panel discussion. There is a Speed Watcher's guide posted to identify segments!

If you or someone you know is interested in serving as President-elect in 2027, please complete the [Candidacy Application](#). Applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview with the current Nominating Committee.

Health Unit Coordinator of the Year Nominations Open

Nominations for the 2026 Health Unit Coordinator of the Year are open now until Friday, July 31 at 2359. The recipient will be presented with their award during National Health Unit Coordinator Week August 23-29. Click [here](#) for more information and to submit a nomination. To be considered eligible, nominations must be at least 300 words.

One day left! – Submit an APP Award Nomination

Do you work with an Advanced Practice Provider (APP) who goes above and beyond? Now is your opportunity to recognize their impact. Nominations are open through **July 3** for the [2026 UVA Health APP Awards](#). Take a moment to highlight the outstanding contributions of your colleagues by submitting a nomination here: [Submit an APP Award Nomination](#)

Kahuna Competency Management System

The [Kahuna Competency Management System](#) will go live on **Monday, July 20, 2026**, for all Medical Center inpatient units and clinics. Starting on this date, all newly hired RNs, LPNs, SWs, Medical Assistants (MAs), CNAs, PCTs, ED Techs, Ortho Techs, Dialysis Techs, and Athletic Trainers will complete

a digital skills checklist in Kahuna. The paper-based system for these roles will be discontinued in Workday.

A 4-minute **Kahuna End User Training** module will be assigned via Workday during the week of July 13, with a completion deadline of August 1. Team members who have already completed Kahuna Workday modules do not need to repeat this training.

Team members identified as Preceptor, Super User, Charge Nurse, Educator/NPDP, or Admin Assistant/Specialist in Kahuna will receive an email request to complete a User Attestation from HIT Security.

Reminder:

Kahuna Unit Leader Training is available through Thursday, July 16 in both **in-person** and **webinar** formats. These sessions are intended for Charge RNs, Preceptors, NPDPs/Nurse Educators, Directors, Managers, Assistant Nurse Managers, Supervisors, and Administrative Assistants/Specialists involved in onboarding new team members.

For additional details, including role-specific training and FAQs, visit the **Kahuna – Nursing Center for Excellence**.

Professional Development

New Certification Vouchers Available: CPAN & CAPA

The Nursing Professional Governance Office has expanded its voucher program. Eligible team members can now get prepaid vouchers for CPAN and CAPA certifications to test with zero out-of-pocket costs.

How to apply:

1. Visit our **Certification Webpage**.
2. Complete the online request form.
3. Submit your application.

Additional benefits on our webpage:

- Details on other **pre-pay certification programs** in which we participate.
- **Alternative funding and reimbursement opportunities** through UVA HR Education Benefits Program.
- Information on **certification events**.

Questions about Certification? Stop by the Certification Virtual Office Hours

Attend the drop-in virtual office hours with your questions, hosted by the NPGO Professional Development Committee Chair and Vice Chair, on **Wednesday, July 8, 0900-0930**. Download the date, time, and Zoom link to your calendar by **clicking here**.

Are you the Certification Champion for your team? Join us virtually on **Wednesday, July 15, 1500-1600** to discuss how to determine your team's July certification rate, setting goals for FY27, funding resources, and to share ideas for tracking and coaching your colleagues towards their goal of becoming certified! Download the date, time, and Zoom link to your calendar by **clicking here**.

Annual RN Degree Scholarships

Applications Open Through Aug. 6 | UVA Health University Medical Center is offering a scholarship opportunity for eligible University Medical Center employees interested in pursuing any level of nursing degree in the 2026-27 academic year. You do not need to be an RN to apply, and the scholarship is not exclusive to UVA School of Nursing programs — it is applicable to any accredited nursing degree

program. Eligibility aligns with the UVA HR Education Benefits Program. Once again, the Office of the Chief Nursing Officer is providing \$90,000 in funding to disburse to support our growing nursing workforce.

Scholarships are applicable to classes taken January 2026 to June 2027 for:

- A.D.N. degree program
- BSN degree program (classes and prerequisites)
- Higher nursing degree program

[Read more, download a flyer, and apply.](#)

Grow professionally. Become Inspired. Be a Mentee or Mentor this Fall!

Be a part of one of the unique Mentorship Programs offered for University Medical Center nurses and future nurses! The 6-month programs are tailored so each Mentee receives the support and resources they need to make progress toward their goals, all while connecting with a Mentor from a different team.

[Print/Share](#) this flyer with your team.

[Learn more and sign up today!](#) The following cohorts begin in September:

Clinician 1 Transition to Practice
RN Degree Students – open to all levels of degrees
Self-Discovery
Experienced Nurses

Nurse Leader Development Program Opportunity

The next offering of the Nurse Leader Development Program begins **July 29**. Newly expanded, this **ten-class series** is crafted to elevate the leadership acumen and professional capabilities of nurse leaders and will now award a total of **23 contact hours** upon successful completion! The program is available to all Nursing Directors, Nurse Managers, Assistant Nurse Managers, and Charge Nurses.

Interested? Please contact [Drew Gogian](#) to enroll in the next cohort!

Blast Question

Question: What is the purpose of the NPGO Call for Interest that will be announced in August?

- A. to volunteer to be a mentor for the mentorship program
- B. To volunteer for committees and become more involved in nursing decision-making and professional governance
- C. To look into new leadership opportunities
- D. To sign up for annual training

Enter your answer [here](#).

Recognition

Congratulations!

June BEE Award Recipients

[Monika Vuckovic](#), Acute Cardiology

[Krista Brown](#), Nutritional Services

June DAISY Award Recipients

[Caitlin Castillo](#), Infusion Procedural Center

[Siobhan Adams](#), Labor & Delivery

Certification Celebration!

- **Carley Knuckles**, Clinician 2, Stem Cell Inpatient, obtained her TCTCN certification.

Quick Links to Standing Items

- [Champion Resources and Updates](#).
- Clinical Career Ladder [resources](#), [deadlines](#) and [training](#).
- [2026 Calendar of Events for Nurses](#)
- [UVA's Professional Growth Resources for You](#)

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