

NPGO BLAST

July 30, 2026

UVA Nursing Practice Updates

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

Headlines:

Practice Alert: Always Remove Caps on Enemas

Blood/Fluid Warmer System (Ranger) SOP Archived

Educational Resources - ClearGuard HD Antimicrobial Barrier Caps for Hemodialysis Catheters

Patient Safety Moment: Be a Bright Spot for Pain Reassessment

Epic Update: Improved MAR Display for Tranexamic Acid (TXA) to Prevent Wrong-Route Errors

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

Professional Development

Deadline Approaching | Applications for Annual RN Degree Scholarships

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*.

Important Notes: You do not need to be an RN to apply. The scholarship is not exclusive to UVA School of Nursing programs, but is applicable to any accredited nursing degree program. Eligibility aligns with the UVA HR Education Benefits Program.

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

- ADN degree program
- BSN degree program (classes and prerequisites)
- Higher nursing degree program

[Read more, download a flyer, and apply](#) by August 6.

Save the Date | Evidence-Based Practice Bootcamp

Plan to join us for the EBP Bootcamp! Workday registration opening in September.

- Session 1 – Thursday, October 8, 1300-1500
- Session 2 – Tuesday, November 3, 1300-1500
- Session 3 – Thursday, December 17, 1300-1500

Find more information on this [flyer](#) – print and share with your colleagues.

Are you a NEW Certification Champion?

Join us virtually on **Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1300-1500** for the **Certification Champion Boot Camp!** We will cover available funding, study resources, team and champion resources, and ways to recognize certified team members. We will help the champions calculate their department's current RN certification rate and work with them to set a realistic goal for increasing that number - aligned with our Nursing Strategic Plan. [Register today!](#)

Save the Date | 2026 Annual Nursing Summit

Mark your calendar for the [2026 Annual Nursing Summit](#) being hosted by the NPGO Nursing Summit Planning Committee on **Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026, 0930-1630** at our new location, The Virginia Guesthouse. Registration and details coming soon. Stay tuned for more information!

Print and share [the Save the Date flyer](#).

Join us at “Pathogen Pines” - A Back to Basics Summer Camp

You're invited to this drop-in style interactive education session brought to you by Infection Prevention & Control! August 20th and 21st in Dining Conference Rooms 2 and 3 from 0800 – 1700. [Flyer to post](#).

Nursing Updates

Closing Tomorrow! 2026 Health Unit Coordinator of the Year Nominations

Nominations for the 2026 Health Unit Coordinator of the Year are open until **Friday, July 31** at 2359. The recipient will be presented with their award during National Health Unit Coordinator Week August 23-29.

For more information and to submit a nomination, review the [Awards and Recognition website](#). To be considered eligible, nominations must be at least 300 words long.

Only 1 day left! | 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.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving as President-elect in 2027. [Watch the recorded discussion](#) using the [Speed Watcher's guide](#) and complete the [Candidacy Application](#). Applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview with the current Nominating Committee.

NPGO Presidents Virtual Office Hours – First Thursday of Each Month from 1100–1200.

Our next office hours will be next week on **Thursday, August 6**. We would love to hear your questions, thoughts, or any support you need for local professional governance.

Kahuna Updates!

Kahuna Just Celebrated Its One-Week Anniversary!

For [Kahuna Competency Platform](#) go-live resources and support information, visit our [Kahuna website](#). And remember, team members were assigned a [4-minute Kahuna End User Training](#) in Workday– complete your training now!

Are you a Nurse Leader? The [Kahuna Quick Guide for Nurse Leaders](#) and [AMP Access Quick Reference Guide](#) are available resources.

AMP (Access Management Platform) & Kahuna | [AMP](#) is the primary method for requesting a Kahuna security role. This includes existing preceptors, Charge Nurses, NPDPs/Educators, and administrative support staff who assist with onboarding and reporting. Once an AMP Kahuna request is submitted, all three steps must be completed before a security role can be assigned:

- Supervisor approval
- Kahuna System Administrator approval
- User attestation

Please allow up to 48 business hours after all requirements are complete for the security role to be assigned in Kahuna. The assignment is not automatic.

Preceptors

Team members – Do you want to become a Preceptor? Follow the [Getting Started](#) instructions on the [Preceptor Training and Resources](#) webpage.

Nurse Leaders – Are you developing a team member to become a Preceptor? Follow the instructions on the [Leadership Resources](#) linked on the [Preceptor Training and Resources](#) page. To request Kahuna security role for an existing Preceptor (precepted prior to June 30, 2026), submit an AMP Kahuna request.

Competency Validation Process | Travelers

- Use the competencies assigned in Kahuna and follow the competency tiers.
- Travelers have the same competency list as University Medical Center team members.
- Travelers may progress through competency tiers more quickly due to their prior experience and compressed orientation timelines.

- Encourage travelers to complete their self-assessments prior to their first shift. This helps preceptors quickly identify skill gaps while efficiently validating skills the traveler already feels competent to perform.
- Travelers should partner with the Charge Nurse or designee to obtain sign-off on any outstanding competencies before independently caring for a patient requiring those skills.

Competency Validation Process | Non-nursing team members who validate nursing competencies

- Some non-nursing team members validate competencies for nurses.
- Non-nursing team members may only validate competencies for which they have themselves been deemed competent to perform.

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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