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Magnet & Pathway

The Conference Field Guide

OCTOBER 29-31, 2026

Preconference / October 26-28

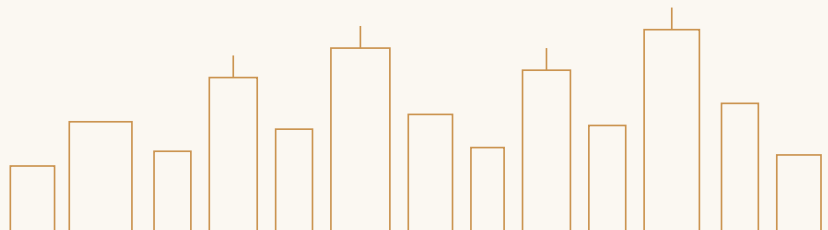
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CONCURRENT SESSION CHOICES



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A clear path through Chicago

Explore the program. Choose your sessions. Bring useful practices home.

WHEN	WHAT TO EXPECT
Oct 26-27	Optional guidance programs and research workshops. Separate registration and eligibility rules apply.
Wed / Oct 28	Research Symposium, director meetings, orientation, international forums, and ticketed celebration events.
Thu / Oct 29	Opening keynote, 2 concurrent blocks, designation celebrations, exhibits, and welcome party.
Fri / Oct 30	4 concurrent blocks, exhibits and posters, Nurse of the Year awards, and Robin Roberts keynote.
Sat / Oct 31	2 concurrent blocks and closing keynote with Jesse Israel; main program ends at noon.

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How to use this guide

Begin with the daily timelines, then use the session menus to pick one session per time block. Titles in the menus link to the official session pages. The focus labels and suggested routes are editorial planning aids, not official conference tracks.

All times are Chicago local time: Central Daylight Time (CDT) during October 26-31. Arrive early and allow time to move between the South, North, and Lakeside buildings.

Your navigation key

LABEL	MEANING
Concurrent	Choose one; sessions in the same block overlap.
Separate / ticket	Confirm purchase or registration before attending.
Restricted	Invitation, role, or advance registration requirements apply.
Open / drop in	Viewing, exhibits, or short stage events; check access in your registration.

PLANNING NOTE

Prepared October 21, 2026 from official 2026 pages and the live conference program. This independent conference guide is not an official ANCC publication. Recheck the app before leaving for a session. Individual poster abstracts and presenter biographies are outside this guide; poster viewing and presentation windows are included.

SESSION PLANNING

Suggested coverage routes

Choose the sessions that fit your role. These suggestions are based on published titles.

Magnet readiness & MPD practice

SESSION / START	SUGGESTED FOCUS
M610 / Oct 30 8 am	Magnet 101 - Essential Foundations: Basics for Beginners Foundations
M624 / Oct 30 9:30 am	Maintaining Magnet Momentum: Inspiring Nursing Excellence Through Joy, Creativity, and Fun Sustain momentum
M638 / Oct 30 11 am	Visualizing Nursing Excellence: A Strategic Dashboard Solution Dashboard strategy
M722 / Oct 31 9:30 am	Magnet Ambassadors: Leading Culture and Readiness Ambassador readiness

Governance & professional growth

SESSION / START	SUGGESTED FOCUS
M501 / Oct 29 12 pm	Advanced Practice Provider Governance Builds Patient Trust APP governance
M521 / Oct 29 3 pm	Revitalizing Professional Governance: Framework for Success Governance framework
P615 / Oct 30 8 am	Implementing a Robust Shared Governance in Ambulatory Care Ambulatory shared governance
M632 / Oct 30 11 am	Revitalizing Clinical Ladders: Empowering Nurse Excellence Clinical ladders

Quality & patient outcomes

SESSION / START	SUGGESTED FOCUS
M601 / Oct 30 8 am	Transforming Central Line Care: Empowering Bedside Nurses To Build A Culture Of Safety Central line safety
P627 / Oct 30 9:30 am	Turn Team - Decreasing HAPIs while Increasing Teamwork Pressure injury prevention
P629 / Oct 30 9:30 am	Elevating Safety: Zone-Based Nursing to Reduce Falls Falls prevention; alternative to P627
P530 / Oct 30 2 pm	Sustaining ZERO Hospital Acquired Infections Sustaining zero infections

People, innovation & digital practice

SESSION / START	SUGGESTED FOCUS
M517 / Oct 29 3 pm	Ignite, Mentor, and Thrive Mentoring
M606 / Oct 30 8 am	Keeping Nurses at the Center of Artificial Intelligence-Enabled Care Nursing and AI
M650 / Oct 30 2 pm	Competency Makeover: Optimizing Workflow and Staff Experience Through Digitization Digital competency workflows
M723 / Oct 31 9:30 am	Empowering Nurses Through Leadership and Technology Leadership and technology

PLANNING NOTE

Planning tip: choose a primary session and a backup for each time block. P627 and P629 run at the same time; select one based on your priorities.

BEFORE THE MAIN EVENT

Monday & Tuesday

October 26-27 / optional learning and preparation

Monday, October 26

TIME / CDT	EVENT & LOCATION
8:30 am - 5:30 pm	Getting Started International: Magnet Program Guidance Regency Ballroom E (Hyatt) Separate registration
10 am - 3:30 pm	In Pursuit of Excellence: Magnet Program Guidance (Day 1) Regency Ballroom A (Hyatt) Invitation only + separate fee

Tuesday, October 27

TIME / CDT	EVENT & LOCATION
8 am - 5 pm	Pathway Program Guidance: The Journey Prairie AB (Hyatt) Separate registration
8:30 am - 5 pm	Getting Started: Magnet® Program Guidance Regency Ballroom E (Hyatt) Separate registration
10 am - 3:30 pm	In Pursuit of Excellence: Magnet Program Guidance (Day 2) Regency Ballroom CD (Hyatt) Invitation only + separate fee
1 pm - 5 pm	Registration Open South: Exhibit Hall A Badge pickup

Research workshops / Tuesday

Choose one morning workshop and/or one afternoon workshop. These run alongside the full-day guidance programs and require separate registration.

SESSION / TIME	WORKSHOP
RS-WS1 9 am - 12 pm	Care Meets Curiosity: Research Methods Every Nurse Should Know South L4: S403a
RS-WS2 9 am - 12 pm	World Café- Managing Multi Site Magnet Research at Scale: Best Practices to Strengthen New Knowledge Development and Infrastructure South L4: S405a
RS-WS3 9 am - 12 pm	From Voice to Value: Measuring the Impact of Professional Governance in Nursing South L4: S405b
RS-WS4 1 pm - 4 pm	Innovation and Quality Learning Lab: Anticipating Future Needs in Healthcare South L4: S403b
RS-WS5 1 pm - 4 pm	Creating an ROI-based Case for Sustaining and Scaling Nurse-led EBP/QI Interventions South L4: S405a
RS-WS6 1 pm - 4 pm	Choose Your Route-- Navigating the Crossroads of Evidence-Based Practice, Quality Improvement, and Research South L4: S405b

PLANNING NOTE
The website also lists a Research Reception on Tuesday, 4-6 pm, for workshop and Symposium attendees, with a separate registration fee. Its location was not shown in the live session list reviewed. Confirm with the organizer. International Magnet guidance ends at 5:30 pm in the app; an overview carousel shows 5 pm.

WEDNESDAY / OCTOBER 28

Meetings & celebrations

Director meetings, orientation and evening connections

Logistics: registration opens 7 am in South Exhibit Hall A (app lists both 7 pm and 7:30 pm closing). ANE booths, bookstore and gift shop: 8 am-4:30 pm, South Exhibit Hall A. ePosters: noon-7 pm in Lakeside Hall E (website overview says 7:30 pm).

TIME / CDT	EVENT & LOCATION
8 am - 5:30 pm	New Nurse Manager Basics Workshop South: 503AB Separate / advance registration
8 am - 5 pm	Nurse Executive Certification (NE-BC®) Review Workshop South: 502AB Separate access / advance registration
8 am - 12 pm	Well-Being Excellence by Design: A Commitment to a Healthier Workforce South: 102A Separate / advance registration
8:30 am - 12 pm	Pathway Program Director (PPD) Meeting South L1: S102abcd Separate / advance registration
10:30 am - 4 pm	Executive Forum Prairie AB (Hyatt) Separate access / advance registration
12 pm - 1:30 pm	Conference Orientation: Your Guide to Success South L1: S103abcd
1 pm - 4 pm	Magnet Program Director (MPD) Meeting South Building Grand Ballroom 100A-C Separate / advance registration
2 pm - 3:30 pm	Conference Orientation: Your Guide to Success South L1: S103abcd
4 pm - 5:30 pm	Conference Orientation: Your Guide to Success South L1: S103abcd
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Pathway VA/Military Session South L1: S105abcd
5:30 pm - 7 pm	Magnet® International Forum Regency Ballroom E (Hyatt) Separate / advance registration
5:30 pm - 7 pm	Magnet® and Pathway to Excellence® International Forum Regency Ballroom C (Hyatt) Separate / advance registration
6 pm - 7:30 pm	ANCC President's Reception Regency Ballroom AB (Hyatt) Invitation only; confirm advance registration
6 pm - 7:30 pm	The Power of Nurses™ Celebration Reception 4th Floor, Grand Horizon Ballroom Foyer (Marriott Marquis) Ticket required
7:30 pm - 10 pm	The Power of Nurses™ Celebration Dinner 4th Floor, Grand Horizon Ballroom (Marriott Marquis) Ticket required

PLANNING NOTE

For MPDs: the 1-4 pm meeting conflicts with the first two orientation offerings. The 4-5:30 pm orientation is the remaining full-session option, but ends as the Hyatt international forums begin. Plan your transfer accordingly. The two international forum listings overlap; verify the correct registration and ballroom.

WEDNESDAY / OCTOBER 28

Research Symposium

Separate registration / choose one session in each concurrent block

TIME / CDT	SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM
7 am - 8 am	Research Symposium Registration/Breakfast/Posters South L4: 403 Foyer
8 am - 9 am	GS00 Opening Plenary South L4: S406a Vista Room
9:15 am - 10:15 am	RS01-A Advancing Population Health South L4: S405b
9:15 am - 10:15 am	RS01-B Workplace Safety South L4: S405a
9:15 am - 10:15 am	RS01-C Impactful Leadership South L4: S403b
10:30 am - 11:30 am	RS02-A Designing Safer Care South L4: S405b
10:30 am - 11:30 am	RS02-B Nurse Well-Being & Retention South L4: S405a
10:30 am - 11:30 am	RS02-C Professional Governance South L4: S403b
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	RS03-A Leveraging Nursing Expertise South L4: S405b
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	RS03-B Workforce Sustainability & Innovation South L4: S405a
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	RS03-C Culture of Inquiry South L4: S403b
3 pm - 4 pm	RS04-A Strengthening Nursing Practice South L4: S405b
3 pm - 4 pm	RS04-B Empowering Practice Environments South L4: S405a
3 pm - 4 pm	RS04-C The Value of Certification & Research South L4: S403b
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm	GS11 Closing Plenary-Bridging Our Divide: The Nursing Profession's Role in the Elimination of Health Inequities South L4: S406a Vista Room

Breaks and poster connections

The website overview lists lunch and awards 11:30 am-12:30 pm and the Symposium poster session 12:30-1:30 pm. The live app lists the second concurrent block ending at 11:30 am; the website says 11:35 am. Use the app and onsite announcements for transitions.

PLANNING NOTE
A full Symposium day overlaps the director meetings, most orientation options and the executive workshops. Choose your priority before registering for overlapping events.

THURSDAY / OCTOBER 29

Connect. Learn. Celebrate.

TIME / CDT	DAILY TIMELINE
7 am - 5 pm	Registration Open South: Exhibit Hall A
7 am - 7 pm	ePosters Open Lakeside L2: Hall E
8 am - 8:35 am	ePoster presentations (overview label) Lakeside L2: Hall E
8:30 am - 4:30 pm	American Nurses Enterprise Booths, Bookstore, & Gift Shop Open South: Exhibit Hall A
9 am - 11 am	Opening: Riaz Meghji + Pathway celebration North Building, Exhibit Hall B
11 am - 4:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open South: Exhibit Hall A
11 am - 11:30 am	Riaz Meghji Book Signing South: Exhibit Hall A
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Pathway to Excellence® Appraiser Meeting South Building 101B Appraisers only; advance registration
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	EAP1 Humanizing the Patient Experience in a Disrupted Workforce South L5: 504ABCD Executive Access Pass required
12 pm - 1 pm	Concurrent sessions - choose one See the matching session menu later in this guide.
1 pm - 3 pm	Lunch in the Exhibit Hall South: Exhibit Hall A
1 pm - 3 pm	Magnet® CNO and CNE Luncheon Regency Ballroom A-E (Hyatt) Invitation only; confirm advance registration
1:15 pm - 2 pm	ePoster presentations (overview label) Lakeside L2: Hall E
1:30 pm - 2 pm	DAISY Book Signing South: Exhibit Hall A
1:30 pm - 2 pm	Kay Kennedy Book Signing South: Exhibit Hall A
2 pm - 3 pm	Jean Watson Book Signing South: Exhibit Hall A
3 pm - 4 pm	Concurrent sessions - choose one See the matching session menu later in this guide.
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	EAP2 AI Governance and Executive Leadership: Leading Nursing Through the AI Transformation South L5: 504ABCD Executive Access Pass required
4:45 pm - 6:20 pm	Awards + Magnet designation celebration North Building, Exhibit Hall B
7 pm - 10 pm	HNHN Silent Disco sponsored by Humana Lakeside Building, Hall D
7 pm - 10 pm	Welcome Party Lakeside Building, Hall D
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Magnet Prize and Pathway Award Reception Invitation only Website overview; confirm room in app

PLANNING NOTE
Welcome party: 7-10 pm in Lakeside Hall D, inspired by the 1893 Chicago World's Fair; included with registration, with guest tickets available. The HNHN Silent Disco is also listed in Hall D at the same time. General sessions carry no ANCC CNE credit.

FRIDAY / OCTOBER 30

Explore ideas. Share the work.

TIME / CDT	DAILY TIMELINE
7 am - 3:30 pm	Registration Open South: Exhibit Hall A
7 am - 7 pm	ePosters Open Lakeside L2: Hall E
8 am - 3:30 pm	American Nurses Enterprise Booths, Bookstore, & Gift Shop Open South: Exhibit Hall A
8 am - 3:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open South: Exhibit Hall A
8 am - 9 am	Concurrent sessions - choose one See the matching session menu later in this guide.
9 am - 10 am	EAP3 From Stigma to Strength: Leading a Culture of Mental Health in Healthcare South L5: 504ABCD Executive Access Pass required
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Concurrent sessions - choose one See the matching session menu later in this guide.
10:30 am - 11:30 am	EAP4 Executive Advocacy Through Policy and Government Engagement South L5: 504ABCD Executive Access Pass required
11 am - 12 pm	Concurrent sessions - choose one See the matching session menu later in this guide.
12 pm - 2 pm	Lunch in the Exhibit Hall South: Exhibit Hall A
12 pm - 2 pm	Magnet® Appraiser Meeting South: 106AB Appraisers only; advance registration
12 pm - 2 pm	Pathway to Excellence® CNO Luncheon Prairie AB (Hyatt) Invitation only; confirm advance registration
12:15 pm - 1 pm	ePoster Presentations Lakeside L2: Hall E
12:30 pm - 1 pm	Dr. Patton Book Signing South: Exhibit Hall A
12:30 pm - 1 pm	Rebecca Patton Book Signing South: Exhibit Hall A
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm	ePoster Award Winners Showcase Lakeside L2: Hall E
1 pm - 1:30 pm	Katie Boston-Leary Book Signing South: Exhibit Hall A
1:30 pm - 2 pm	DAISY Foundation book signing Website overview only; confirm current timing onsite
2 pm - 3 pm	Concurrent sessions - choose one See the matching session menu later in this guide.
3:30 pm - 5 pm	Nurse of the Year awards + Robin Roberts North Building, Exhibit Hall B
5:15 pm - 5:50 pm	ePoster Presentations Lakeside L2: Hall E
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	2026 Magnet Nurse of the Year® and Pathway Nurse of the Year® Awards Reception Prairie AB (Hyatt) Invitation only; confirm advance registration

PLANNING NOTE
App vs website: app lists exhibits opening at 8 am (overview: 8:30 am), ePosters until 7 pm (overview: 6 pm), and the award showcase 12:45-1:45 pm (overview: 1-1:45 pm). Book-signing entries also differ; confirm in the app. General session carries no ANCC CNE credit.

SATURDAY / OCTOBER 31

Bring excellence home.

TIME / CDT	DAILY TIMELINE
6:30 am - 8:30 am	Grab & Go Breakfast South: Exhibit Hall A
7 am - 11 am	ePosters Open Lakeside L2: Hall E
8 am - 11 am	American Nurses Enterprise Booths, Bookstore, & Gift Shop Open South: Exhibit Hall A
8 am - 9 am	Concurrent sessions - choose one See the matching session menu later in this guide.
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Concurrent sessions - choose one See the matching session menu later in this guide.
11 am - 12 pm	Closing keynote: Jesse Israel North Building, Exhibit Hall B

PLANNING NOTE
The main program closes at noon. The published Saturday overview does not list exhibit hall hours or registration hours. Do not assume either is open. Closing general session carries no ANCC CNE credit.

SESSION MENU 1 OF 8

Thursday, October 29

12 pm - 1 pm CDT / Choose one session. Click a title for details.

ID	CONCURRENT SESSION	ROOM
M501	Advanced Practice Provider Governance Builds Patient Trust Focus: Governance	South L1: S102abcd
M502	Driving Improved Outcomes and Specialty Care Through Nurse Leader-Led Interdisciplinary Rounds	Lakeside L4: E450ab
M503	Belonging Blueprint: Structured Model for IEN Success	South L4: S401abcd
M504	Gamified Learning at Scale:Transforming Nurse Residency Education	Lakeside L3: E353abc
M505	Pediatric Nursing Insights on AI vs Surgeon Summaries	Lakeside L3: E253abcd
M506	Empower & Elevate: Resetting Professional Development	South L1: S100a/Grand Ballroom
M507	Stop the Guessing: Leading with Confidence in a Union Environment	Lakeside L4: E451ab
M508	Building the Bench: Education, Retention & Succession Planning	Lakeside L3: E354a
M509	Establishing a Center for Advanced Practice Providers	South L4: S406b
M510	Building a Culture of Inquiry: Advancing Nursing Research in Evolving Practice Environments Focus: Research	South L1: S105abcd
M733	"First in the Nation" Nursing Research Fellowship in Robotics	South L1: S103abcd
P512	Boosting the Culture of Recognition and Wellbeing Through Creating the HEART Committee	South L1: S100bc/Grand Ballroom
P513	Leading Nurses: EBP & Research for Future Leaders	Lakeside L3: E354b
P514	A Tradition of Excellence: Pathway Designated 6 TIMES!	South L4: S406a Vista Room
P515	From No One There to Voices Everywhere: A Council Comeback Story	Lakeside L2: Arie Crown Theater
P731	Creating Healthy Practice Environments: Impacts on Patients, Nurses, and Organizations	South L4: S404abc

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SESSION MENU 2 OF 8

Thursday, October 29

3 pm - 4 pm CDT / Choose one session. Click a title for details.

ID	CONCURRENT SESSION	ROOM
M516	The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation's Nursing Initiative: A First Look	Lakeside L3: E253abcd
M517	Ignite, Mentor, and Thrive Focus: Mentoring	Lakeside L3: E354b
M518	Stronger Legal Shields Against Workplace Violence in Healthcare	South L1: S100bc/Grand Ballroom
M519	Evolving Sepsis Care	South L1: S100a/Grand Ballroom
M520	Accelerating Confidence: New Survey for Nurse Leader Role Transition	Lakeside L4: E450ab
M521	Revitalizing Professional Governance: Framework for Success Focus: Governance	Lakeside L2: Arie Crown Theater
M522	Innovating Systemwide Oncology Access and Timeliness	South L4: S406b
M523	Reinvented RN Pathways: Inclusive, Systemwide, Measurable	South L1: S102abcd
M524	Partnership & Building Trust:A Collaboration for Child Advocacy	South L4: S401abcd
M525	Overlooked and Undervalued: Nurse Leader Turnover, Retention	South L1: S103abcd
M526	Next Stop: Certification! Charting Your Course Toward Professional Growth and Recognition	South L4: S406a Vista Room
M527	Transforming Ethical Practice: Voices Shaping the Future of Advocacy and Organizational Integrity	South L1: S105abcd
P528	One Strategy, Shared Success: Leveraging Crosswalks Across ANCC Magnet, Pathway, and Well-Being Excellence Focus: ANCC crosswalks	Lakeside L3: E353abc
P529	Breaking the Code: Unlock Learning with Mobile Escape Rooms!	Lakeside L3: E354a
P660	Sepsis Won't Wait: Neither Do We: Nurse-Driven Sepsis Care	Lakeside L4: E451ab
P732	Building a Culture of Excellence: Work Environment, Nurse Job Outcomes, Quality, and Safety	South L4: S404abc

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SESSION MENU 3 OF 8

Friday, October 30

8 am - 9 am CDT / Choose one session. Click a title for details.

ID	CONCURRENT SESSION	ROOM
M601	Transforming Central Line Care: Empowering Bedside Nurses To Build A Culture Of Safety	South L1: S105abcd
M602	Building Nurse Leaders	Lakeside L2: Arie Crown Theater
M603	Nurse-Led Structures Driving Successful Hospital Activation	South L1: S100bc/Grand Ballroom
M604	Reclaiming Time to Lead	Lakeside L3: E354b
M605	Using Technology to Track Mobility: The Key to Faster Recovery	Lakeside L3: E353abc
M606	Keeping Nurses at the Center of Artificial Intelligence-Enabled Care Focus: AI & practice	Lakeside L4: E450ab
M607	Creating a Doula Friendly® Hospital Culture	South L4: S404abc
M608	Innovating Pressure Injury Prevention for Darker Skin Tones	South L1: S102abcd
M609	Transformational Nurse Manager Guides Nurses Through Change	Lakeside L4: E451ab
M610	Magnet 101 - Essential Foundations: Basics for Beginners Focus: Magnet foundations	South L1: S100a/Grand Ballroom
M611	The Nurse-Led Innovation Process: A Little Less Talk, a Lot More Action!	Lakeside L3: E354a
M705	Storytelling Approach: American Nurses Foundation's Focus Areas	South L4: S406b
P612	One Map, Limitless Destinations: Charting Paths to Retention	South L4: S406a Vista Room
P613	Transforming Acute Care Nursing for Older Adults: A Person-Centered Protocol for Best Practice	South L1: S103abcd
P614	Beyond Delivery: Saving Mothers' Lives Postpartum	South L4: S401abcd
P615	Implementing a Robust Shared Governance in Ambulatory Care Focus: Governance	Lakeside L3: E253abcd

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SESSION MENU 4 OF 8

Friday, October 30

9:30 am - 10:30 am CDT / Choose one session. Click a title for details.

ID	CONCURRENT SESSION	ROOM
M616	Warm Welcome: Nursing Advocacy to Reduce Post-Op Hypothermia	South L4: S406b
M617	Transformational Leadership in Action	Lakeside L3: E354a
M618	Cultivating Equity in Care	South L1: S105abcd
M619	From Readiness to Reach	Lakeside L3: E253abcd
M620	Empowering School Nurses to Transform Care for Rural Students	South L4: S404abc
M621	Walking the Dog to Enhance Trauma Patient Mobility	South L4: S406a Vista Room
M622	Creating a Valid Scale to Assess Incident Reporting Barriers	South L1: S102abcd
M623	Building Healthier Work Environments for Better Outcomes	Lakeside L3: E354b
M624	Maintaining Magnet Momentum: Inspiring Nursing Excellence Through Joy, Creativity, and Fun Focus: Magnet sustainability	Lakeside L2: Arie Crown Theater
M625	Responding to the Voice of Nurses: An Evidence-Informed Journey to Revise the Nursing: Scope & Standards of Practice	Lakeside L4: E450ab
M626	Improving New Nurse Retention in Urban Pediatric ED	South L4: S401abcd
M709	The Power of Nurses: Advocacy, Policy, and Collective Impact	Lakeside L4: E451ab
P627	Turn Team - Decreasing HAPIs while Increasing Teamwork Focus: Pressure injuries	South L1: S100a/Grand Ballroom
P628	From Stagnation to Momentum: Revitalizing a Clinical Advancement Program to Drive Engagement and Excellence	Lakeside L3: E353abc
P629	Elevating Safety: Zone-Based Nursing to Reduce Falls Focus: Falls	South L1: S100bc/Grand Ballroom
P630	Practicum to RN Bridge: A Student Nurse Recruitment Program	South L1: S103abcd

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Friday, October 30

11 am - 12 pm CDT / Choose one session. Click a title for details.

ID	CONCURRENT SESSION	ROOM
M631	Nurse-Led Care for Patients with Low-Risk Neutropenic Fever	South L4: S406b
M632	Revitalizing Clinical Ladders: Empowering Nurse Excellence	South L1: S100bc/Grand Ballroom
M633	From Microlearning to Momentum	South L1: S100a/Grand Ballroom
M634	ANCC PTAP: Scaling Success the Evolution from Site to System RN Residency	South L4: S401abcd
M635	MedEd Alert: Nurses Turning Med Questions Into Clarity	South L1: S102abcd
M636	When Every Second Counts: Interprofessional Simulation in Action	Lakeside L4: E451ab
M637	Out of the Box Safety	South L1: S105abcd
M638	Visualizing Nursing Excellence: A Strategic Dashboard Solution Focus: Excellence dashboard	Lakeside L2: Arie Crown Theater
M639	Ethics, Equity and Leading Fully	Lakeside L3: E354b
M640	Advancing Magnet Excellence Through APP Leadership: Strategy, Outcomes, and Impact	Lakeside L3: E354a
M641	From Overload to Equity: Objective Tools in Action	South L1: S103abcd
M642	Nurse Manager Redesign: Strategic Leadership for Enhanced Outcomes	Lakeside L3: E253abcd
P643	One Path, Many Campuses: Consistent Nursing Excellence	Lakeside L3: E353abc
P644	Leaders in the Wild: A Nurse Manager Development Program	Lakeside L4: E450ab
P645	Driving Throughput & Efficiency Through Transportation Innovation	South L4: S406a Vista Room

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Friday, October 30

2 pm - 3 pm CDT / Choose one session. Click a title for details.

ID	CONCURRENT SESSION	ROOM
M646	Nursing-Led Innovations in Transitional Care Models	Lakeside L3: E353abc
M647	Less Bottlenecking, More Flow: Nurse Driven Throughput Solutions	South L4: S406a Vista Room
M648	Beyond the Bedside	South L4: S406b
M649	Virtual Nurse: Impact on Patient Experience and Readmissions	Lakeside L4: E450ab
M650	Competency Makeover: Optimizing Workflow and Staff Experience Through Digitization Focus: Digital workflows	Lakeside L3: E354b
M651	Building the Nursing Pipeline: Recruitment Strategies and Mentorship	Lakeside L4: E451ab
M652	BERT: Promoting a Culture of Safety and Compassion	South L1: S100a/Grand Ballroom
M653	Expanding Outpatient CAR T Care with 24-Hour Clinic Support	South L4: S404abc
M654	Parent's Perception of Hospital Care Coordination	Lakeside L3: E253abcd
M655	Nursing Sparks: Igniting Pathways to Nursing	South L1: S102abcd
M656	Let them Eat Cake: A Revolutionary Way to Increase Visibility	South L1: S103abcd
M657	The Value of NCPD Accreditation	South L4: S401abcd
M702	Nurse Staffing in Magnet Hospitals: Implications for Practice and Policy	Lakeside L3: E354a
P530	Sustaining ZERO Hospital Acquired Infections Focus: Infection prevention	Lakeside L2: Arie Crown Theater
P658	ALL IN for Systems Change: A United Approach for Healthcare Workforce Wellbeing	South L1: S100bc/Grand Ballroom
P659	CALL (Collaborative A5 Lowering and Lessening Falls), Don't Fall!	South L1: S105abcd

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SESSION MENU 7 OF 8

Saturday, October 31

8 am - 9 am CDT / Choose one session. Click a title for details.

ID	CONCURRENT SESSION	ROOM
M701	Redefining Accountability and Advancing Excellence	Lakeside L4: E451ab
M703	Revolution Starts Here: The Nursing Innovation Fellowship	Lakeside L3: E353abc
M704	Expanding Access to Specialized Care for Assault Survivors	South L1: S103abcd
M706	Social Media-Based Program Improves Staff Happiness	Lakeside L3: E354b
M707	Distinguishing Skin Failure and Deep Tissue Pressure Injury	South L1: S100bc/Grand Ballroom
M708	The EMS Pivot Nurse: A Bold Innovation in ED Flow	South L4: S406a Vista Room
M710	Empowering Teams: Education Driven Behavior Change	Lakeside L2: Arie Crown Theater
P711	Mirror Mirror Reflecting on Practice Through the Lens of Peer Review	Lakeside L3: E354a
P712	Stringing Together Success: PEARLES of Retention in Action	Lakeside L4: E450ab
P713	Jumpstart to Safety: Equipping the ED for Visitor Emergencies	South L1: S102abcd
P714	"Put a Ring on It": Converting Travel RNs to Staff RNs	South L1: S105abcd
P715	All Aboard the Love Boat: Cruising Toward Wellness	South L1: S100a/Grand Ballroom

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SESSION MENU 8 OF 8

Saturday, October 31

9:30 am - 10:30 am CDT / Choose one session. Click a title for details.

ID	CONCURRENT SESSION	ROOM
M716	Many Cultures, One Team: What Happens When We Truly Connect?	Lakeside L3: E354a
M717	Navigating Care and Culture	Lakeside L3: E353abc
M718	Nurse-Led Mobility: A Key Driver in Reducing Length of Stay	South L1: S100bc/Grand Ballroom
M719	Bridging Education and Practice: Interdisciplinary RN Internships	TBD F
M720	Call to Action: Blueprint for Clinical Nurses' Practice	South L4: S406b
M721	Embedding Health Literacy Practices: A Strategic Expansion	Lakeside L3: E253abcd
M722	Magnet Ambassadors: Leading Culture and Readiness Focus: Magnet readiness	Lakeside L2: Arie Crown Theater
M723	Empowering Nurses Through Leadership and Technology Focus: Technology & leadership	Lakeside L3: E354b
M724	Nurse Autonomy Through Voice Empowerment	Lakeside L4: E450ab
M725	Unveiling Patient's Understanding of Goal and Goal Attainment	South L1: S102abcd
M726	Mapping Potential: A Talent Matrix Approach to Nurse Manager Growth"	South L1: S105abcd
P727	RISE: Psychological First Aid for Distressed Healthcare Staff	South L1: S100a/Grand Ballroom
P728	Stronger Teams, Faster Alerts, Better Survival	Lakeside L4: E451ab
P729	Complex Care Coordination: A Team Approach	South L1: S103abcd
P730	Empowering Nurses Through CNO-Led Advancement	South L4: S406a Vista Room

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DROP IN / THURSDAY

The Power of Nurses Stage

Short conversations / All times CDT / Confirm stage location onsite

TIME	CONVERSATION
11:15-11:30 a.m.	The Next Step for Your Organization's Well-Being: From Pathway to Well-Being Excellence
11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	The Power of Nurses®: A Nurse Helped Build a Hospital
12:00-12:15 p.m.	Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, Fifth Edition: What Nurses Need to Know
12:15-12:30 p.m.	ANA NextGen Ambassadors: Gateway to Connecting With the Next Generation of Nurses
12:45-1:00 p.m.	AI in Nursing
1:00-1:15 p.m.	From Magnet to Well-Being Excellence: A Gold-Tier Designee's Playbook
1:15-1:30 p.m.	The ANCC Success Pays® Impact Story: Voices, Insights and Opportunities
2:15-2:30 p.m.	One Day, Every Certification: Is Your Hospital on the Map?
2:45-3:00 p.m.	Why Retention Alone Is Not Enough: Strengthening Outcomes Measurement for ANCC PTAP Accreditation
3:15-3:30 p.m.	The State of Healthcare Policy: What Nurses Need to Know
3:45-4:00 p.m.	ANA Group Membership: Helping Organizations Address Nurse Retention

These short events overlap several concurrent sessions. Use them as deliberate alternatives; avoid planning to attend a complete concurrent session and an overlapping stage talk. The stage page reviewed did not state a precise room or stage location.

PLANNING NOTE

The official page advertises premium giveaways for the first 35 attendees at selected talks, while supplies last. Treat this as optional; availability and programming may change.

DROP IN / FRIDAY

The Power of Nurses Stage

Short conversations / All times CDT / Confirm stage location onsite

TIME	CONVERSATION
9:00-9:15 a.m.	Leading Excellence in a Military Organization: A CNO's Personal Account
10:00-10:15 a.m.	The Ripples No One Sees
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Leading Through Excellence: Perspectives From Magnet® and Pathway to Excellence® CNOs
11:00-11:15 a.m.	Professional Agency: How Nurses Will Shape the Future of Practice, Well-Being, and AI
12:00-12:15 p.m.	From Chaos to Calm: Applying Magnet Principles of Nurse Well-Being
2:15-2:30 p.m.	Structural Empowerment: Why it is Essential to Nursing Excellence
2:45-3:00 p.m.	From Staffing Standards to Safer Care: What Nurse Leaders Need to Know
3:15-3:30 p.m.	The APRN Impact

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MAKE THE CONFERENCE USEFUL

Your conference planner

Complete this before the first concurrent block.

DAY / BLOCK	OWNER	SESSION ID	BACKUP
Thu 29 / noon	_____	_____	_____
Thu 29 / 3 pm	_____	_____	_____
Fri 30 / 8 am	_____	_____	_____
Fri 30 / 9:30 am	_____	_____	_____
Fri 30 / 11 am	_____	_____	_____
Fri 30 / 2 pm	_____	_____	_____
Sat 31 / 8 am	_____	_____	_____
Sat 31 / 9:30 am	_____	_____	_____

Meeting points & coordination

Contact / notes: _____

Daily meeting point: _____

Thursday debrief time / place: _____

Friday debrief time / place: _____

Saturday final check-in: _____

Capture one idea that becomes action

SESSION / IDEA	WHAT COULD WE TRY?	OWNER / NEXT STEP
_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____

PLANNING NOTE

Suggested routine: download handouts in the app, record the session ID, capture the practice change and its outcome measure, then agree on one action to explore at home. Ask presenters before photographing material or sharing their resources.

PRACTICAL ESSENTIALS

Arrive ready. Stay flexible.

Where to go

McCormick Place, 2301 S. Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, IL 60616. The program spans multiple buildings. General sessions are in North Building, Exhibit Hall B; registration and exhibits are in South Building, Exhibit Hall A; ePosters are in Lakeside Center, Level 2, Hall E.

Several preconference and restricted events are at the Hyatt; the Wednesday celebration reception and dinner are at Marriott Marquis, 4th Floor, Grand Horizon Ballroom / foyer. Confirm the full hotel location on your registration before departure.

App, session planning & credit

Open the official conference app / desktop program. It provides session details, speakers, room locations, handouts and personal scheduling. The conference site says your confirmation ID is needed to claim ANCC CNE credit, access handouts, build a schedule and connect with attendees. Find it in the registration email from ancc@mcievents.com or on your onsite badge.

The site advertises up to 50 contact hours across its offerings; this is not a promise that a single attendee earns that amount onsite. General sessions explicitly carry no ANCC CNE credit. Follow the app's current evaluation and credit instructions.

Before leaving the hotel

Bring your badge or confirmation details, phone, charger or power bank, comfortable shoes and a layer for indoor temperatures. Check your first room, ticketed-event eligibility, any session changes and return transportation.

Transport & special events

Use the official housing and travel page for shuttle, parking and airport guidance. This guide does not assume a shuttle route or pickup time. The official housing provider is Connections Housing.

If wearing a costume for the October 31 conference day, check the official costume and conference policies before packing.

PLANNING NOTE

Schedule reconciliation: use the live app for current rooms and individual sessions. The website overview supplies access restrictions and additional event windows. Conflicting duplicate app entries have been consolidated in daily timelines; no session-ID entry was removed from the concurrent menus. Recheck any item with differing published times.

SOURCES & VERIFICATION

Keep the official program close

Reviewed October 21, 2026 / schedule subject to change

Live program: sessions, times and rooms

https://pagv3.virtual-meeting.org/us/anajoint2026/en-US/pag?view=list&segment=sessions&sort=starts_at

2026 schedule at a glance

<https://magnetpathwaycon.nursingworld.org/schedule-at-a-glance-2026-magnet-pathway-conference>

Concurrent sessions and app access

<https://magnetpathwaycon.nursingworld.org/concurrent-sessions-2026-magnet-pathway-conference>

General sessions

<https://magnetpathwaycon.nursingworld.org/general-sessions-2026-magnet-pathway-conference>

Welcome party

<https://magnetpathwaycon.nursingworld.org/welcome-party-2026-magnet-pathway-conference>

The Power of Nurses Stage

<https://magnetpathwaycon.nursingworld.org/the-power-of-nurses-stage-2026>

Housing and travel

<https://magnetpathwaycon.nursingworld.org/hotel-and-travel-2026-magnet-pathway-conference>

Conference FAQs

<https://magnetpathwaycon.nursingworld.org/faqs-2026-magnet-pathway-conference>

What is covered

The live program displayed 218 session listings. This guide includes all 122 M/P concurrent sessions, all 6 research workshops, all 12 research concurrent choices and both research plenaries. Daily timelines organize general sessions, special events, exhibits, registration, book signings and poster windows; repetitive listings are consolidated. Stage talks are taken from the separate official stage page.

The guide does not reproduce individual poster abstracts, all presenter biographies or ticket inventories. Confirm eligibility and ticket availability directly in your registration. Titles and times are sourced; the suggested session routes, planning notes and visual design are editorial.

Published differences to check

Wednesday: registration closes at 7 pm and 7:30 pm in duplicate app entries; the overview says 7:30 pm. ePosters end at 7 pm in the app versus 7:30 pm in the overview. Thursday: Jean Watson signing ends at 3 pm in the app versus 2:30 pm in the overview. Friday: exhibit, poster and showcase windows differ as flagged in the daily timeline. The app has additional book-signing and Executive Access Pass entries absent from the overview.

PLANNING NOTE

Design inspired by the official 2026 conference palette: warm red, amber and cream, with sweeping linework and Chicago celebration cues. Produced independently by Clinical Excellence Coaching.