

CEC / CHICAGO / OCTOBER 29-31, 2026

Your conference, at a glance



All times Chicago local time (CDT)

Thursday, October 29

TIME	MAIN EVENTS
7 am-5 pm	Registration - South Exhibit Hall A
9-11 am	Opening session: Riaz Meghji + Pathway celebration
Noon-1 pm	Concurrent sessions - choose one
1-3 pm	Lunch in the exhibit hall
3-4 pm	Concurrent sessions - choose one
4:45-6:20 pm	Awards + Magnet designation celebration
7-10 pm	Welcome party - Lakeside Hall D; included with registration

Exhibits: 11 am-4:30 pm, South Hall A. ePoster presentations: 8-8:35 am and 1:15-2 pm, Lakeside Hall E.

Friday, October 30

TIME	MAIN EVENTS
8-9 am	Concurrent sessions - choose one
9:30-10:30 am	Concurrent sessions - choose one
11 am-noon	Concurrent sessions - choose one
Noon-2 pm	Lunch in the exhibit hall
2-3 pm	Concurrent sessions - choose one
3:30-5 pm	Nurse of the Year awards + Robin Roberts keynote

Exhibits: 8 am-3:30 pm in the app (website overview: 8:30 am opening). Poster presentations: 12:15-1 pm and 5:15-5:50 pm. Award showcase: 12:45-1:45 pm in the app.

Saturday, October 31

TIME	MAIN EVENTS
6:30-8:30 am	Grab & Go Breakfast - South Exhibit Hall A
8-9 am	Concurrent sessions - choose one
9:30-10:30 am	Concurrent sessions - choose one
11 am-noon	Closing keynote: Jesse Israel - program ends at noon

PLANNING NOTE

General sessions: North Building, Exhibit Hall B. No ANCC CNE credit for general sessions. This is a highlights guide; see the complete guide or official app for all sessions, restricted events and current rooms.

PICK YOUR SESSIONS / PLAN YOUR VISIT

A focused conference plan



Suggested choices based on session titles; choose one option per time block.

DAY / START	TWO OPTIONS PER BLOCK - CHOOSE ONE
Oct 29 Noon	M501 Advanced Practice Provider Governance Builds Patient Trust M510 Building a Culture of Inquiry: Advancing Nursing Research in Evolving Practice Environments
Oct 29 3 pm	M521 Revitalizing Professional Governance: Framework for Success P528 One Strategy, Shared Success: Leveraging Crosswalks Across ANCC Magnet, Pathway, and Well-Being Excellence
Oct 30 8 am	M610 Magnet 101 - Essential Foundations: Basics for Beginners M606 Keeping Nurses at the Center of Artificial Intelligence-Enabled Care
Oct 30 9:30 am	M624 Maintaining Magnet Momentum: Inspiring Nursing Excellence Through Joy, Creativity, and Fun P627 Turn Team - Decreasing HAPIs while Increasing Teamwork
Oct 30 11 am	M638 Visualizing Nursing Excellence: A Strategic Dashboard Solution M632 Revitalizing Clinical Ladders: Empowering Nurse Excellence
Oct 30 2 pm	M650 Competency Makeover: Optimizing Workflow and Staff Experience Through Digitization P530 Sustaining ZERO Hospital Acquired Infections
Oct 31 8 am	M707 Distinguishing Skin Failure and Deep Tissue Pressure Injury P711 Mirror Mirror Reflecting on Practice Through the Lens of Peer Review
Oct 31 9:30 am	M722 Magnet Ambassadors: Leading Culture and Readiness M723 Empowering Nurses Through Leadership and Technology

Arriving early? Optional preconference highlights

Oct 26-27: Magnet/Pathway guidance programs; research workshops on Oct 27. Oct 28: Research Symposium 8 am-5:15 pm; Pathway director meeting 8:30 am-noon; Magnet director meeting 1-4 pm; international forums 5:30-7 pm. Separate registration, fees and/or eligibility apply.

Orientation on Oct 28: noon-1:30 pm, 2-3:30 pm, or 4-5:30 pm in South S103abcd. The 4 pm option follows the MPD meeting. Ticketed celebration dinner: 7:30-10 pm at Marriott Marquis.

Three things to remember

1. Check the app for rooms and changes before each session. Leave time between buildings.
2. Keep your confirmation ID for app features, handouts and CNE instructions.
3. Capture three useful ideas and one action at the end of each day.

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Prepared October 21, 2026 from the official 2026 program. Independent CEC companion guide. Schedule subject to change; app and overview differ on some times.