2025 Joseph and Joan Pranis Kenney Endowed Conference for Excellence in Nursing Education

MARCH 7, 2025

Sr. Ferdinand Clark Auditorium
UPMC Mercy School of Nursing

8:15 to 8:45 — **Registration**
Coffee & Tea available

8:50 to 9 — **Welcome**
Dr. Brandy Hershberger, DNP, MSN, RN, CEN
Chief Nursing Officer & Vice President Academic Affairs

9 to 11 — **Keynote Address:**
An Overview of Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence Decision Support in Healthcare
Dr. Christopher Horvat, MD, MHA
Associate Professor University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Critical Care Medicine, Pediatrics, Biomedical Informatics, Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute

11 to 11:15 — **Break**

11:15 to 12 — **Using Motivational Interviewing & Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, to Promote Student Success**
Dr. Jennifer M Curran, DNP, CRNP, MSN, BSN, RN, BA in Psychology, PMHNP-BC, PMHRN-BC
Advanced Educator UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing
Amanda Sowa, MSN, MHA RN
Clinical Nursing Instructor UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing

12 to 12:15 — **Wrap-Up**

12:15 — **Lunch**
Salad bar, Beverages, Dessert

Registration & Payment due by Wednesday February 26, 2025

Click HERE to Register *(includes lunch)*

Click HERE to Pay $25 IN PERSON Attendance Fee

*Any **cancellations** must be sent via email to grafja@upmc.edu by 2/28/25. No refunds provided.*

The New Age of Nursing Education

After attending this conference, participants will be able to:

- Identify benefits and challenges of integrating AI into Nursing Education; discuss strategies for incorporating AI tools and technologies into curriculum
- Examine how AI is used in various clinical settings and best practices for clinical decision making.
- Explore skills and use evidence-based practices, Motivational Interviewing and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, in promoting student success

Conference Synopsis:

Dr. Christopher M. Horvat will discuss how nursing faculty can use artificial intelligence and machine learning to enhance clinical learning and decision making. Dr. Curran will discuss Motivational Interviewing and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in promoting student success.

Conference Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Christopher M. Horvat, an Associate Professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, specializes in Critical Care Medicine, Pediatrics, Biomedical Informatics, and Clinical and Translational Sciences. He focuses on healthcare performance improvement and informatics, and is pursuing an MSIT in Business Intelligence and Data Analytics at Carnegie Mellon University. Board-certified in clinical informatics, Dr. Horvat leads efforts in real-time quality measurement, digital quality measures, predictive analytics, embedded clinical trials, and applying AI and machine learning to clinical decision making.

Program Evaluation/CE Certificates
Event is sponsored by UPMC Schools of Nursing with a target audience of Nursing Instructors.

In support of improving patient care, the University of Pittsburgh is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Nursing (CNE): The maximum number of hours awarded for this Continuing Nursing Education activity is **3 contact hours** and will be awarded when the entire program is attended and evaluation complete.

Other Healthcare Professionals will receive a certificate of attendance confirming the number of contact hours commensurate with the extent of participation in this activity.

Parking @ Mercy Pavilion		
1622 Locust Street	3-4 Hours	$5.00
Pittsburgh, PA 15219	4-5 Hours	$6.00
Levels P4 - P8	5-6 Hours	$7.00