

2026 Joseph and Joan Pranis Kenney Endowed Conference for Excellence in Nursing Education

October 28th, 2026

UPMC Hamot Lincoln Room

UPMC Hamot School of Nursing

7:30 - 8	Registration Coffee & Tea available
8 - 8:15	Welcome <u>Dr. Wendy Mildner</u> , DNP, RN <i>Chair of Faculty Development & Research, Advance Educator</i>
8:15 - 10	Keynote Address: Leading Yourself First: How the Culture Within You Shapes the People Around You <u>Dr. Tyler Cook</u> , Ed.D. <i>Educator, Principal at Klein Elementary Leadership Development Speaker</i>
10 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11	Grow as You Go: Leadership Lessons We All Learn Along the Way <u>Charles "Boo" Hagerty</u> <i>Chief Development Officer, President at Hamot Health Foundation</i>
11 - 11:15	Break
11:15 - 12	From an Ember to an Inspiration <u>Deanna Fye</u> , MSN, RN <i>Executive Consultant for UPMC Hamot</i>
12 - 12:15	Closing

UPMC SON Employees: Automatically Registered

All Other Attendees: [Click HERE to Register](#)

Registration due by Wednesday October 14, 2026

Any **cancellations** must be sent via email to mildnerw@upmc.edu by Monday October 26, 2026

Love, Grow, Inspire

This conference will explore leadership concepts that foster personal development, professional growth, and positive influence within educational, healthcare, and organizational settings. At the conclusion of this conference, participants will be able to:

- Describe the impact of self-leadership on relationships, decision-making, and organizational culture.
- Identify experiences and practices that contribute to ongoing leadership growth and professional development.
- Discuss strategies for inspiring, motivating, and positively influencing students, colleagues, and teams.

Keynote Address:

Leading Yourself First: How the Culture Within You Shapes the People Around You

Authentic leadership starts from within. In this keynote session, Dr. Tyler Cook will explore how self-awareness, values-driven leadership, and intentional personal growth shape the way leaders connect with and influence others. Participants will examine leadership practices that foster trust, encourage growth, and inspire positive culture within educational and healthcare organizations.

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 **4 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.