



# NURSES EXPO 2026

## Conference Agenda

### Friday, April 24, 2026

- 7:00 am – 8:00 am**      **Registration, Breakfast (provided by Stateline Nurses Network), Exhibits & Posters, Welcome & Announcements**
- 8:00 am – 9:15 am      **KEYNOTE – Kim Kraft, MSN, RN, CPAN (r), CAPA (r)**  
**“The Effects of Positive Psychology on Healing”**
- 9:15 am – 9:45 am      *NUCCA: Finding Answers and Relief for Chronic Conditions*  
*Dr. Hannah Orem, Board Certified NUCCA Chiropractor*
- 9:45 am – 10:15 am**      **Break/Exhibits/Posters**
- 10:15 am – 11:30 am**      **MORNING BREAKOUT**
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- Session 1: Anne Havrilla, MSN, CRNA, APRN, “I use the pronouns she, her, hers: Care considerations for those who are gender diverse”*
- Session 2: June Oliver, MSN, APRN/CNS, CCNS, PGMT-BC, AP-PMN, “The Intersection of Pain and Substance Use Disorders”*
- Session 3: Kimberly Rich, Doctoral Degree, Certified Grief Educator, and Death Doula “On Being an End-of-Life Doula”*
- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**      **Lunch (provided by Stateline Nurses Network), Exhibits & Posters**
- 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm**      **FIRST AFTERNOON BREAKOUT**
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- Session 1: Anne Havrilla, MSN, CRNA, APRN, “I use the pronouns she, her, hers: Care considerations for those who are gender diverse”*
- Session 2: Aileen Zei, BA, Human Services, “Communicating Effectively While Responding to Dementia-related Behaviors”*
- Session 3: Nika Winiarski, PhD, “Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD): Tools for Compassionate Nursing Care”*
- 1:55 pm – 3:10 pm**      **SECOND AFTERNOON BREAKOUT**
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- Session 1: Dr. Aaron Taylor, DO/Physician-Emergency Medicine, “Sepsis/SIRS”*
- Session 2: Aileen Zei, BA, Human Services, “Communicating Effectively While Responding to Dementia-related Behaviors”*
- Session 3: Sharon Thomas, RN, TNS, “Nursing Beyond Borders: Mission Nursing”*
- 3:10 pm – 3:30 pm**      **Afternoon Break (snacks provided by Stateline Nurses Network)**
- 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm      **KEYNOTE – Kearsti-Rae Knowles, MMT, LPMT, MT-BC**  
**“The Song of Care: Listening, Healing, and Being Human Together”**
- 4:45 pm – 5:00 pm**      **Awards, Posters, Scholarships, Raffles, Conclusion**