



**California VN Educators
Spring Conference 2026
Day 1 — Friday, April 17, 2026**
Location: Embassy Suites San Luis Obispo
333 Madonna Rd., San Luis Obispo
Direct Number: 8052438837

Matthew Wanta, Founder & CEO, Stellar Curriculum Consulting, LLC
Presentation: Smarter, Not Harder: Harnessing AI in Nursing Education

Day 1 Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Define foundational concepts of artificial intelligence (AI) and describe its emerging roles in healthcare and nursing education.
2. Identify practical applications of AI tools that support teaching, assessment, and administrative workflows in vocational nursing programs.
3. Demonstrate basic proficiency in using select AI platforms (ChatGPT, Gemini, Notebook LM, Perplexity) to enhance instructional design, discussion prompts, and testing strategies.
4. Evaluate ethical considerations and regulatory implications related to AI use in academic and clinical training environments.
5. Collaboratively adapt and develop an AI use policy template suitable for departmental or institutional implementation.
6. Interpret how AI integration within learning management systems (Canvas and Moodle) can streamline faculty productivity and improve student engagement.

AGENDA

08:00 – 08:45 Registration

08:45 – 09:00 Introductions

09:00 – 10:00 Understanding AI in healthcare and education: demystifying key concepts and terminology

10:00 – 10:30 Break & Visit with Vendors

10:30 – 11:30 Integrating AI into nursing education: lesson planning, testing, documentation, and workflow support

11:30 – 12:00 Developing ethical frameworks and institutional AI policies for responsible use by faculty and students

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 15:00

Hands-on exploration of leading AI tools (ChatGPT, Google Gemini, NotebookLM, Perplexity, Turnitin Clarity, Nectir)

Overview of AI integration within Canvas and Moodle

— **10minute break included during session** —

15:00 – 16:00 Collaborative adaptation to new technologies: exploring emerging or audience-suggested platforms relevant to vocational nursing education

16:00 – 16:30 Raffles • Evaluations • Certificates



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Dr. Carolyn Drake, Ed-D, MSN, RN *with panel*
Presentation: The Changing Healthcare Environment

Day 2 Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Define the types of regulatory surveys conducted in healthcare facilities.
2. Identify what surveyors review and the major categories assessed.
3. Understand the role of LVNs and other healthcare personnel during a survey, including how to respond to surveyors.
4. Identify the top 10 violations most cited during surveys.

AGENDA

07:45 – 08:15 Registration
08:15 – 08:45 Business Meeting
08:45 – 09:00 Introductions
09:00 – 10:00 The Changing Healthcare Environment
10:00 – 10:30 Break & Visit with Vendors
10:30 – 12:00 The Changing Healthcare Environment (continued)
12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**
13:00 – 15:00 The Changing Healthcare Environment (continued)
15:00 – 15:30 Discussion • Evaluation • Raffles

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