



## 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**

Handson 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 audiencesuggested platforms relevant to vocational nursing education

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



## **California VN Educators Spring Conference 2026**

**Day 2 — Saturday, April 18, 2026**

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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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