

2026 CCN DNP Intensive Agenda

April 9-10, 2026

“Nurse Leaders in Action: Advancing Evidence, Innovation, and Impact”

Day 1: Translating Evidence into Leadership Impact

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

CCN 1035

Welcome & Opening Remarks

9:00-9:50 AM

CCN 1035

Nurse Leaders...Follow the Evidence

“From Evidence to Enterprise: Doctoral Leadership Strategies for Sustainable Quality and Practice Transformation”

Dr. Susan Bedwell

9:50-10:05 AM

Break

10:05-10:55 AM

CCN 1035

Nurse Leaders...Disseminate Their Findings

“From Evidence to Influence: Present, Publish, & Persuade “

Dr. Suzanne Prevost

11:10-12:10 PM

CCN 1035

Poster Session 1 – 6 rounds

12:10 PM – 1:00 PM

CCN 1035

Lunch Break & Networking

1:00-1:50 PM

Breakout Sessions

Option 1: Clinical Practice

CCN 1035

Nurse Leaders... Improve Health and Well-Being

“Wellness and Weight Loss for Patients and Providers”

Dr. Kimberly Wilson

Option 2: Academia

CCN 1026

Nurse Leaders...Transform Through Teaching

“From Clinician to Academic Leader: Navigating the Transition to Faculty Roles in Nursing”

Dr. Amy Bigham

Option 3: Healthcare Leadership

CCN 1027

Nurse Leaders...Drive Excellence in Healthcare Delivery

“Nurse Leaders Driving Sustainable Change for Excellence in Quality & Safety Through Staff Engagement”

Dr. Teresa Welch

1:50-2:05 PM

Break

2:05-3:25 PM

Poster Session 2 – 8 rounds

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3:25-4:15 PM

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Nurse Leaders... Advocate and Advance the Profession

“Voices That Lead: Nurses Shaping Policy and Change”

Dr. Krista Niedermeier

4:25-5:30 PM

CCN Rotunda

Reception

5:30 PM

Dinner on your own

Day 2: Innovate, Collaborate, Elevate: The Future of Nurse Leadership

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

CCN 1035
Welcome & Opening Remarks

9:00-9:50 AM
CCN 1035
Nurse Leaders...Innovate
Dr. Kwuan Paruchabutr

9:50-10:05 AM
Break

10:05-10:55 AM
CCN 1035
Nurse Leaders...Create Connections
“Building and Leading Effective Interprofessional Teams: A DNP-Focused Framework for Collaborative Practice”
Dr. Amy Lee

11:10-12:10 PM
CCN 1035
Poster Session 3 – 6 rounds

12:10-12:20 PM
Break

12:20-1:10
CCN 1035
Nurse Leaders...Champion Strategic Advancement
Dr. Julie Sanford

1:10-1:15 PM
CCN 1035
Closing Session & Reflections

1:30-2:30 PM
UA Bus Tours (optional)
Meet with Faculty Advisors (optional)