



Oct. 2-3, 2025

**Children's Mercy
Research Institute**

**2401 Gillham Road
Kansas City, MO 64108**

Health Care Workforce Innovation Bi-State Summit

Connecting Health Care and Education

The **Kansas Hospital Association** and **Missouri Hospital Association** are partnering to present the Health Care Workforce Innovation Bi-State Summit, a groundbreaking event focused on strengthening the health care workforce across the region. This summit will bring together leaders, educators, and innovators to explore actionable strategies in key areas such as building the K–12 pipeline, transforming nursing and allied health education, and enhancing workforce well-being. Attendees will hear from experts on how to empower workforce growth through upskilling, address challenges in care delivery, and use data to drive meaningful change. Whether you're a hospital leader, educator, or advocate for nursing and allied health, this summit offers the opportunity to collaborate and shape the future of health care in Kansas and Missouri.

Target Audience

Hospital and health system nursing leaders, HR leaders, workforce development managers, clinical educators, academic leaders, faculty, preceptors, allied health professionals, nursing educators, K-12 educators and administrators, policymakers, and workforce development advocates.

Registration Fee

\$75 per attendee

CLICK HERE to Register

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Program Highlights

- Building stronger K–12 and early career pathways
- Innovative nursing and allied health education models
- Addressing workforce shortages through partnerships and pipelines
- Supporting transitions into practice
- Promoting workforce well-being
- Strengthening community and cross-sector collaboration

Hosted **By:**



AGENDA

Thursday, October 2

9:30 a.m. Registration

**10:00 a.m. Reimagining the Health Care Workforce:
Trends for Innovation, Flexibility, and the Future of Care**

- Ashley McClellan, FACHE, MHA, MBA, founder and chief executive officer, MedCurate
- Fred Neis, MS, RN, FACHE, founder and managing partner, AdvisorRN
- Joel Moore, DNP, RN, American Organization for Nursing Leadership Region 6, board representative and chief nursing officer, MercyOne

11:00 a.m. Inspiring the Next Generation: Engaging Students Early in Health Care Careers

- **Developing the Future Health Care Workforce through HOSA**
Tina Garetson, M.S, Ed.S, health career promotions program manager, KU Medical Center Area Health Education Center and state advisor, Kansas HOSA
- **Hospital-Sponsored Medical Club Creates Pathway to Rural Health Care Workforce Growth**
Meagan Weber, DPT, MBA, chief executive officer, Scotland County Hospital
- **Pathways to Care: Immersive Nurse Training Camp for Middle Schoolers**
Laura Nold, MSN, RN, CPN, assistant professor, Missouri Western State University
MacKenzie Evans, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, assistant professor, BSN pre-licensure coordinator, Missouri Western State University
- **Real-World Learning through Queen City CAPS: Bridging Education and Industry**
Kimberly Perez, BSN, RN, director of clinical education, Bothwell Regional Health System

Noon Networking Lunch

1:00 p.m. Growing Clinical Pathways and Academic Partnerships

- **Empowering the Future: Transitioning Experienced RNs into Nursing Educators**
Annie Seymour, DNP, RN, assistant professor of nursing, University of Central Missouri
- **Hospital-Based Clinical Instructors: An Innovative Approach to Addressing Clinical Faculty Shortages**
Brandi Mains, MSN, RN, CPN, clinical instructor II, Children's Mercy Hospital
- **Addressing Nursing Faculty Shortages Through Hospital-Based Clinical Adjunct Instructors**
Ashley Pugh, MSN, RN, director of professional practice, Mercy Hospital Springfield
- **Advancing Rural Health Workforce Development through Educational Collaboration**
Jenny Manry, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, chair, department of nursing, Fort Hays State University
Jeff Briggs, Ed. D, dean, College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, Fort Hays State University

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2:00 p.m. **Unlocking Opportunity Through Nurse Apprenticeships**

- **Clinical Experiences: An Old Framework with a New Twist**
Sandra Reed Wilson, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, director of nursing, Crowder College
- **Building a Sustainable Nursing Workforce: The Case for Pre-License Nurse Apprenticeships**
Shonda Anderson, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, director, Kansas Office of Apprenticeship

3:00 p.m. **Networking Break with Exhibitors**

3:30 p.m. **Center for Well-Being Panel: Personalized Resilience, Workplace Improvement, and Culture of Wellbeing**

Children's Mercy Hospital Panelists:

- Angela Myers, MD, MPH, chief wellbeing officer
- Seth Sonnevile, MS, MDiv, BCC, program director, Wellbeing and Inclusion
- Kristin Ray, MSN, RN, CPN, nursing director, Center for Wellbeing
- Kim Vipond, LSCSW, LCSW, wellbeing program manager

4:30 p.m. **Closing Comments**

4:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

5:00 p.m. **Networking Social Sponsored by Qualivis** Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center



Friday, October 3

8:30 a.m. **Career Launchpad: Student Pathways into Health Care**

- **Strengthening a Diverse Health Care Workforce through Pipeline Development**
Brenda Quinlan, SHRM, SCP, human resources director and HRBP, AdventHealth
- **ELEVATE: Health Care Internship Program for High Schoolers**
Hannah Morales, CAP, MHA, academic partner community outreach program manager, University of Kansas Health System
- **Advancing Health Care Education Through Community Partnerships**
Jacklyn Gentry, Ed. D, MSN, RN, senior director of professional practice, University of Kansas Health System, Liberty Market

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9:30 a.m. Supporting the Transition: Coaching, Residency, and Preparedness

- **Hospital-Based Patient Care Assistants' Perceptions of Preparedness to Work and Intent to Stay**
Lisa Guthrie, PhD, RN, NPD-BC, nursing research scientist,
University of Kansas School of Nursing
- **Bridging the Gap: Innovative Workforce Solutions for Nursing, Allied Health Education and Transition to Practice**
Jessica Atchison, MSN, RN, executive director professional practice,
Mercy Hospital Springfield
- **The Success Coach Initiative: Supporting Nursing Students from Program Entry to Transition to Practice**
Christyl Barnes, MSN, RN, BHS, assistant teaching professor, success coach,
University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m.



Reframing Resilience: Connecting to the Present, Others and Oneself Paul Long

Everyone in society has a shared human connection. We all have been through something, are currently going through something or will, inevitably, go through something. So how do we leverage that foundation to connect more to the present, others and ourselves?

In this session, you will learn how to use Paul Long's philosophy, Fundamism, to create brain pattern interruptions that will enable you to get out of your head and into the moment. Long's message will lead you through a wealth of emotions as you laugh, think, reflect and have FUN while learning tactical tips to create more meaningful interactions with others.

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SUMMIT LOCATION



See you in Kansas City!

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Hotel Information

A room block is available at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, located at 2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, MO 64108, for \$195 per night plus tax for the night of October 2. The room block is available through September 3. After that date, rooms will be based on availability.

Book online here: [Sheraton Reservation Link](#)
or call (816) 841-1000 and mention group code "KSHKSHF."

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