

2026 FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Nurses shaping
the future of
healthcare

DAY ONE

November 12

7:00 AM - 4:45 PM

DAY TWO

November 13

7:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Duluth Entertainment
Convention Center
Duluth, MN

*This fall conference will provide leadership tools
and strategies that will strengthen and support
nurses in formal and informal leadership roles*



Early Bird Discount Ends October 12, 2026

Scan the QR code or visit link below to register.

<https://members.moln.org/event-calendar>

#MOLNfall26

MOLN 2026

Fall Leadership Conference

REGISTRATION FEES

Early-bird Pricing – available until 5:00 pm on October 12

\$339.00 MOLN Member
\$499.00 Non-Member
\$200.00 Student Member

After April 6 at 5:00 pm

\$439.00 MOLN Member
\$599.00 Non-Member
\$200.00 Student Member

Join MOLN today and save on conference registration fees.
Become involved with a leadership-focused nursing organization!

Visit <https://bit.ly/4wxJvxm> to register online.
You may also scan the QR code below with your mobile device.



No registrations are accepted after November 1, 2026.

Group rates of 5 or more will receive an additional \$20.00 off per person.

Must contact MOLN for a discount code before registering

office@moln.org

CANCELLATION

Registration fees, less a \$50 cancellation fee, are refundable if notice is received by October 12, 2026. If you cannot attend, you may choose to send someone in your place; however, discounted member rates cannot be transferred to non-members. Registrations cannot be shared or split. You must contact office@moln.org with any attendee changes.

Call for Abstracts – Evidence-Based Practice Projects & Research

If you would like to submit an abstract for consideration,
please visit the MOLN website for submission requirements and
deadlines or contact the MOLN Office at office@moln.org

If you have special health, mobility, or dietary needs,
please contact office@moln.org prior to attending the conference.

AUDIENCE The conference is specifically designed for chief nursing officers, nurse managers, directors, advanced practice nurses, nurse educators, clinical nurse specialists, registered nurses, and student nurses. Any nurse interested in leadership topics is also welcome to join us.

NETWORKING The MOLN Fall Leadership Conference is a wonderful opportunity to engage with your colleagues in the Minnesota nursing community. More than 200 nurse leaders representing more than 100 hospitals, clinics, universities, and healthcare organizations will come together at the conference.

CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION will open Wednesday, November 11 from 3:00 PM–6:00 PM and again Thursday morning. Conference check-in will be located in the Harbor Side Ballroom Lobby of the DECC, near the meeting rooms utilized for the event. A check-in/help table will remain open at the DECC throughout the conference.

WHAT TO WEAR Smart casual, comfortable clothing is the suggested attire for the conference, due to the movement breaks and yoga session. Please also remember that meeting rooms are typically colder than a normal business environment, so we recommend dressing in layers.

EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY NOTICE Conference attendees may be photographed by MOLN or business associates and may be used in future publications or marketing materials related to the learning activity. Attending the conference indicates your understanding and acceptance that photography may be used.

CONFERENCE EVALUATION Conference attendees must complete the electronic conference evaluation by **December 15, 2026** in order to receive a certificate of completion. A link to access the survey through the event app will be emailed at the completion of the conference.

EXHIBITS Plan to visit our exhibitors throughout the day on Thursday. Make sure to bring lots of business cards to share. Please take the time to stop by each table, their support makes our conferences possible..

SCHOLARSHIP FUND Raffle tickets will be available to purchase for a chance to win prizes. Winners will be announced on Friday, November 13 prior to the end of the conference.

DISCLOSURES

Successful Completion

Participants must pre-register, check-in on both days, participate in all educational sessions, including one breakout session, and complete the online evaluation to receive a certificate of completion.

NURSING CREDITS Participants meeting the successful completion requirements will receive **10.25 contact hours**. No partial contact hours will be awarded.

This activity has been submitted to VTL Center for Professional Development for approval to award contact hours. VTL Center for Professional Development is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Duluth Entertainment Convention Center | 350 Harbor Drive | Duluth, MN 55802



Located on the shores of Lake Superior in Duluth, Minnesota, the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC) offers first-class meeting space, is within walking distance of downtown hotels, shops and restaurants via an enclosed skywalk system and steps away from charming Canal Park. Plus, you can enjoy panoramic views of the Aerial Lift Bridge and Duluth Harbor from your event space.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Sleeping rooms have been blocked for the Minnesota Organization of Nurse Leaders at two locations for the evenings of November 11 and 12.

The Inn on Lake Superior

Queen/King City or Pool View \$150 + taxes

Queen/King Lakeview \$154 plus taxes

single or double occupancy

Phone: 218-726-1111

<https://innonlakesuperior.com>

Group Code: 11788

Deadline: October 12, 2026

Pier B Resort

Queen Classic View \$170 plus taxes

King Harborview \$190 plus taxes

Phone: 218-481-8888

<https://www.pierbresort.com>

Group Code: MNOR1026

Deadline: October 11, 2026

Hampton Inn – Canal Park

Queen and King City View \$139 plus taxes (Wed-Thurs) / \$179 (Fri)

Phone: 218-720-3000

<https://bit.ly/4ifYit5>

Deadline: October 14, 2026

RESERVE YOUR ROOM TODAY!

MEET THE PRESENTERS



MAX BARRY-RISTOW

MSN, RN

Nurse Manager, Regions Hospital, St. Paul.



DAN BERG

Patient Safety Partner.



BONNIE CLIPPER

Global Speaker | Thought Leader | Virtual Nursing Pioneer | Nurse Futurist | Health Care Influencer.



MELISSA FRITZ

DNP, RN, ACNS-BC, CENP, FAONL

Vice President Patient Care Services & Chief Nursing Officer, Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital.



MAYA YANKELEVICH GARZA

PhD

Vice President, Talent & Leadership Consulting, TSP Talent Solutions.



SAMANTHA GLENNON

MSN, RN, NEA-BC

*Chair, AONL Leadership, Innovation, Technology & Transformation (LITT) Committee
Nurse Executive, Strategy & Solutions, UKG.*



WELCOME JERDEE

Patient Safety Partner.



JONATHAN JOHNSON

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Nurse Manager, Regions Hospital, St. Paul.



LISA JULIAR

Director of Safety Partnerships, Minnesota Alliance for Patient Safety (MAPS)



ELIZABETH KEATING

DNP, RN

System Director, Nursing Practice and Professional Development, Park Nicollet/HealthPartners

MEET THE PRESENTERS



LISA KEITEL

Patient Advisor and Volunteer, MAPS Community Advisory Council and Planetree's Global Patient and Family Partnership Council.



RONN LEHMANN

Speaker, Consultant, Author and Patient Partner.



GIL MANN

Entrepreneur, Author, Lecturer, Volunteer, and Hospital Clown.



NANCY O'BRIEN

CEO and Co-Founder, Experience Happiness LLC.



MARIA RAINES

DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC, CENP

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BRIDGET SLUSAREK

DNP, MBA, RN

Nurse Leader, Minneapolis VA Health Care System.



KARRI STURM

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BECKIE THRUSH

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JULIE LYNCH WEEGMAN

RN, MA, NE-BC

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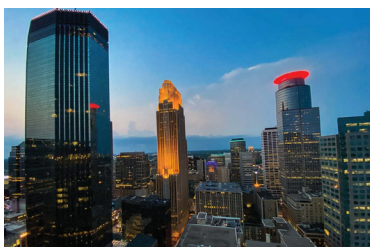
MOLN MISSION

MOLN's mission is to shape the future of health care by advancing professional nursing leadership. MOLN is passionate about supporting all leadership nursing roles and levels of experience. This conference provides a forum for nurse leaders to gather, discuss, collaborate, and network regarding the future of nursing and healthcare.

MOLN is an organization that facilitates professional development for a wide range of nursing leaders across Minnesota. These leaders are found in hospitals, clinics, schools, home care, public health, and private industries. The professional development committee works hard to provide a variety of speakers to influence and impact many different types of leaders. We also strive to tap into speakers from within our organization and speakers who are known locally, nationally, and internationally.

We invite MOLN members and non-members to join us for the Spring Conference to network with your peers. Non-Members, we hope you will consider becoming a MOLN Member. For more information about membership and to join online please visit –

<https://www.moln.org/why-join-moln>



SAVE THE DATE!

MOLN 2027 SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

April 29-30, 2027

Minneapolis Marriott Northwest • Minneapolis MN

Watch our website [moln.org](https://www.moln.org) for details!



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**EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT!**

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT Ends October 12

REGISTER NOW AT:
<https://bit.ly/4wxJvxm>



Pre-Conference - Wednesday, November 11, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 pm
3:00 – 6:00 pm

MOLN Board of Directors Meeting – Pier B Resort Hotel
Attendee Registration Check-In at Duluth Entertainment Convention Center
Exhibitor Set Up

AGENDA • DAY ONE

Thursday, November 12, 2026

6:30 AM – 7:00 AM	Exhibitor Set Up
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Attendee Registration/Check-In Breakfast Exhibitor Networking/Poster Setup
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	MOLN Organizational Update <i>Presenters: Melissa Fritz, DNP, RN, ACNS-BC, CENP, FAONL, MOLN President & Elizabeth Keating, DNP, RN, MOLN Treasurer</i>
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	The Last Mile of Healthcare <i>Presenter: Bonnie Clipper, DNP, MA, RN, CENP, FAAN</i>
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Networking Break Visit Exhibits
10:45 AM – 10:50 AM	Professional Development Update <i>Presenter: Lucy Furlong, DNP, RN, NE-BC & Bridget Slusarek, DNP, MBA, RN</i>
10:50 AM – 11:00 AM	Mentorship Update <i>Presenter: Stephanie Johnson, MA, RN, NE-BC</i>
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Wise Practices for Caring Safely <i>Presenter: Lisa Juliar</i>
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	More Than a Story: Patients as Partners in Caring Safely <i>Presenters: Lisa Juliar (Facilitator); Dan Berg; Welcome Jerdee; Lisa Keitel & Ronn Lehmann</i>
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	Luncheon Mentor/Mentee Lunch Exhibitor Networking/View Posters
1:15 PM – 1:30 PM	Policy & Advocacy Update <i>Presenter: Kathryn Hoehn, MAN, BAN, RN, MS-BC</i>
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS A. From Silos to Synergy: Building a Shared Language Between Nursing Leadership & Finance <i>Presenter: Maria Raines, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC, CENP</i> B. Supporting Staff Through Workplace Violence Events in Healthcare <i>Presenters: Beckie Thrush, MSN, RN-BC; Jonathan Johnson, MHA, BSN, RN; Julie Lynch Weegman, RN, MA, NE-BC and Max Barry-Ristow, RN, MSN</i>



2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Networking Break / Visit Exhibits
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Membership Update <i>Presenter: Diane Bankers, MSN, RN</i>
	MOLN Bylaws <i>Presenter: Melissa Fritz, DNP, RN, ACNS-BC, CENP, FAONL, MOLN President</i>
3:15 PM – 4:00 PM	Beyond Digitization: Leading the Intelligent Healthcare Organization <i>Presenters: Samantha Glennon MSN, RN, NEA-BC & Bridget Slusarek DNP, MBA, RN</i>
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM	Networking Break / Visit Exhibits Poster Viewing Session Poster presenters will be setup near their displays to address questions from attendees
4:45 PM	Evening On Your Own

AGENDA • DAY TWO

Friday, November 13, 2026

7:00 AM – 7:50 AM	Attendee Registration Check-In Breakfast
7:50 AM – 8:00 AM	Announcements
8:00 AM – 8:10 AM	Research/Scholarship Update <i>Presenter: Pauline Abraham, DNP, RN</i>
8:10 AM – 9:40 AM	Healthy Conflict: Turning Constructive Tension into Commitment <i>Presenter: Maya Yankelevich Garza, PhD</i>
9:40 AM – 9:50 AM	Networking Break
9:50 AM – 10:00 AM	Marketing/Communications Update <i>Presenter: Amie Walsh, MHA, RN, BS, BA, ONC</i>
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	From Burnout to Belonging: Wellbeing as Leadership Infrastructure <i>Presenter: Nancy O'Brien</i>
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Reset and Realign <i>Presenter: Karri Sturm</i>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Luncheon
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	The Healing Power of Humor <i>Presenter: Gil Mann</i>
2:00 PM	Adjourn

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