

2025 5th Annual Professional Governance Conference: Leading with Care, Collaboration and Compassion

**Thursday, March 13, 2025
8 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.**

**HUB for Clinical Collaboration
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia**



Overview

This conference provides an opportunity to build leadership skills through enhanced shared decision-making skills, networking, and sharing of leadership tools for application at the bedside and beyond.

General Information

The conference will be held in the HUB for Clinical Collaboration at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The registration fee is \$100 (in person) and \$50 (virtual) and includes lunch, parking and educational materials.



Course Objectives

Upon completing this course, participants will be able to:

- Describe a collaboration technique the participant can implement in practice.
- Describe how the elements of evidence-based practice (EBP) can enhance quality of care and the work environment.

Accreditation



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In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Designation of Credit

Nurses: This program provides 7 ANCC contact hours.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia reserves the right to cancel or postpone any course due to any unforeseen circumstances. In the event of cancellation or postponement, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia will refund any registration fees, less a \$25 service charge, but is not responsible for any related costs, charges or expenses to participants, including cancellation charges assessed by airlines or travel agencies. In order to process refunds for course withdrawals, cancellation must be received in writing by Saturday, March 1, 2025. No refunds will be issued thereafter.

Services for People with Disabilities

If special arrangements are required for an individual with a disability to attend this meeting, please contact the Continuing Medical Education Department at 215-590-5263.

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7:30 a.m.	Registration
8 a.m.	Welcome and Icebreaker
8:10 a.m.	Empowering Excellence: Advancing Nursing Professional Governance for Future Leadership <i>Cara Rakow, MSN, RN, CPNP, CENP</i>
8:55 a.m.	Practicing Gratitude & What Zone Are You <i>Vicki Amon, BS, NBC-HWC</i>
9:45 a.m.	Break
9:55 a.m.	The Art of Emotional Intelligence: The Cornerstone of DEI Leadership <i>Tiffany Gibson, MSN-ED, RN, NPJ-BC, CPN</i>
10:40 a.m.	Professional Panel: Career Paths <i>Jennifer Babia-Espiritu, BSN, MSN, RN, CRNA</i> <i>Jennifer Linso, MSN, BSN, RN</i> <i>Brian Kovacs, BA</i>
11:25 a.m.	Leading Through Ethical Dilemmas <i>Kimberly Mason, MSN, CNS, PCNS-BC, CPN, HEC-C</i>
12:10 p.m.	Lunch
12:55 p.m.	Communication and AI (Artificial Intimacy) <i>Barbara Brookins, SHRM-SCP</i> <i>Greg Hedler, LCSW, ACC</i>
1:55 p.m.	Leading at the Frontlines with Evidence-Based Practice <i>Daisy Mekanoff, MSN, RN, CPN</i> <i>Jared Deffler, BSN, RN, CCRN, C-NPT, PHRN, CFRN</i> <i>Aquila Sims-Stevenson, BSN, RN</i> <i>Ashley Schmidt, BSN, RN</i> <i>Shakera Henderson, RN</i> <i>Siena Garbaccio, BSN, RN</i>
2:40 p.m.	Break
2:50 p.m.	Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion—Cultural Humility: Beyond Competency <i>Shedia R. Laquer, EdD (she/her/ella)</i> <i>Lisa D. Chambers, BA (she/her)</i>
4:20 p.m.	Closing Address/Wrap-up

Unless otherwise noted, faculty is from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and/or the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing

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