



NRHA Rural Hospital CNO Certification Program

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Second cohort for NRHA Rural Hospital CNO Certification Program launches

[Kansas City, Mo.] – The National Rural Health Association’s (NRHA) Rural Hospital CNO Certification Program launched its second cohort in October 2021.

Leadership makes the difference. Today’s rural hospitals and clinics face tremendous challenges and uncertainty and are closing at an unprecedented rate. One in every three rural hospitals has been identified as “at risk.” According to NRHA CEO Alan Morgan, “Leadership is the biggest predictor of rural hospital success.”

NRHA’s Rural Health Leadership Education Foundation exists to fund programs that nurture current and future leaders. The October 2021 cohort consists of the following participants:

- Crystal Harper - Providence Mount Carmel Hospital, Colville, Wash.
- Erin Wooley - WhidbeyHealth, Coupeville, Wash.
- Heather Sands - Gundersen Palmer Lutheran Hospital and Clinics, West Union, Iowa
- Jackie McElroy - First Physicians Capital Group, Fairfax, Okla.
- Jason Plamondon – Providence Seaside Hospital, Warrenton, Ore.
- Jennifer Green - Lower Umpqua Hospital District, Reedsport, Ore.
- Kie Strenge-McNabb - Beauregard Health System, DeRidder, Lou.
- Kimberly Allen - Mee Memorial Healthcare System, King City, Calif.
- Kimberly Jones - Ascension St. Vincent Mercy, Elwood, Ind.
- Kristin Cole - Springhill Medical Center, Springhill, Lou.
- Linda Walker - Three Rivers Health, Basin, Wyo.

- Melva Bostik - Cleveland Area Hospital, Cleveland, Okla.
- Regina Wilson - Share Medical Center, Alva, Okla.
- Tiana Wells - Rankin County Hospital District, Rankin, Texas
- Tonya Price - Lynn County Hospital System, Tahoka, Texas

About NRHA's Rural Hospital CNO Certification Program: NRHA's Rural Hospital CNO Certification Program was developed by successful rural hospital CNOs for rural hospital CNOs to help them strengthen their leadership skills and lead their hospital to success. An individual with this certification will immediately be recognized as someone qualified to be a nurse leader in a rural hospital with excellence.

To see our pilot CNO cohort's graduation ceremony, click [here](#).

The next CNO Certification Program cohort will be launching in February 2022. For more information about available programs, visit www.crhleadership.com.