2026



Bedside to Blackboard:

Thriving as a Nurse Educator

DATE

Thursday and Friday, April 30-May 1, with meet-and-greet Thursday evening, April 30 Registration will open in January 2026.

LOCATION

Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center, Springfield, IL

ABOUT

Join fellow Illinois CNA instructors to rejuvenate your mind and classroom as we share inspiring ideas and practical strategies. This year's conference theme, "From Bedside to Blackboard: Thriving as a Nurse Educator," celebrates the journey from clinical practice to the classroom. Whether you're just beginning your path as a nurse educator or have years of experience, you'll leave with fresh perspectives, renewed motivation and tools to empower the next generation of CNAs.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Are you an Illinois CNA instructor or program coordinator with ideas to share? We're now accepting proposals for breakout sessions at the 2026 CNA Conference!

Presenting at the conference is a great way to grow your professional reputation, connect with peers and contribute to the future of CNA education. Breakout sessions are 50 minutes long and should reflect this year's theme, "From Bedside to Blackboard: Thriving as a Nurse Educator," which explores the transition from clinical practice to teaching.

Whether your expertise lies in instructional strategies, student engagement, curriculum development or navigating the educator role, we welcome your insights.

To learn more and submit your proposal, visit www.llcc.edu/health-ce or scan the QR code. All proposals must be submitted by Dec. 1, 2025.



