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Free Nurse Camp Opportunity Available for Nevada Students Through the Office of Workforce Innovation

CARSON CITY, Nev. – The Office of Workforce Innovation ([OWINN](#)) is partnering with the UNLV School of Nursing to expand opportunities for Nevada high school students and recent graduates interested in pursuing a nursing career. For the second year, OWINN will cover all registration costs for UNLV Nurse Camp, making the program free for participating students in Nevada.

The camps introduce students to academic, clinical, and community activities that help them develop realistic expectations about nursing school and the nursing profession. Campers will also earn CPR and Stop the Bleed certifications.

“Investing in students today means investing in Nevada’s future,” said OWINN Executive Director Marchele Sneed. “By removing financial barriers to registration, we’re opening doors for young people to explore nursing and while fostering the next generation of healthcare professionals.”

Nurse Camp continues to grow in reach and impact. To date, the program has welcomed more than 360 campers representing over 100 schools, underscoring strong national interest in Nevada’s nursing education pipeline.

“Our partnership with OWINN reflects the collaborative nature of nursing. By introducing students to the field as early as high school, we’re committed to developing a skilled workforce that will provide better care for all Nevadans,” said Dr. Sigrid Barrett, Dean of the UNLV School of Nursing.

Nurse Camp 2026 includes three sessions:

- **Session 1:** June 22 to June 26, 2026, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
- **Session 2:** July 6 to July 10, 2026, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
- **Session 3:** July 13 to July 17, 2026, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

The camp will be held in person at the UNLV main campus and the Shadow Lane Campus. Registration is open through July 8, 2026. Interested scholarship participants should [complete the Scholarship Interest Form](#).

Students who are awarded a Nurse Camp 2026 scholarship will receive a fee waiver code to use when registering for camp.

Each session is limited to 45 students. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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ABOUT DETR:

The Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR) is the state's lead workforce development department. It consists of divisions that offer workforce related services, job placement and training, services for people with disabilities, investigation of claims of discrimination, unemployment insurance benefits, labor market data and more. Many of these services are provided through EmployNV and in cooperation with its community partners.

ABOUT OWINN:

OWINN helps drive a skilled, diverse, and aligned workforce in the state of Nevada by promoting cooperation and collaboration among all entities focused on workforce, providing leadership in assessing workforce policies, promoting career pathways and work-based learning opportunities, leveraging labor-market and workforce data, validating industry-recognized credentials, and developing innovative ideas to strengthen the workforce system.

About UNLV School of Nursing:

The UNLV School of Nursing was established in 1965 and ranks among the top nursing programs in Nevada. The School educates nurse leaders who are ready to advance and transform healthcare, serving diverse communities in Southern Nevada and beyond. Dedicated to promoting, enhancing, and sustaining human health through evidence-based education, innovative research, and community engagement, the School is shaping the future of nursing through interdisciplinary and transformational education, scholarship, practice, and community engagement. The School of Nursing offers bachelor's, master's, and post-master's degrees in both in-person and online formats, and is the only nursing program in Nevada to offer a Ph.D. in Nursing. Learn more at unlv.edu/nursing.