

2026 Madison Area Nursing Symposium

April 16, 2026



PROGRAM

- 10:00 AM **Welcome** | UW-Madison School of Nursing Auditorium
Rudy Jackson, DNP, MHA, RN, CENP, FNAP
Senior Vice President, Chief Nurse Executive, UW Health
- 10:15 AM **“The Value of Nursing”** | UW-Madison School of Nursing Auditorium
Joseph Liggett, MSN, RN, APNP, ACCNS-AG, CCRN
Cardiovascular Clinical Nurse Specialist, UnityPoint Health-Meriter;
Lisa Bratzke, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, FAHA
Associate Professor University of Wisconsin–Madison
- 11:15 AM **Breakout Session #1** | Health Sciences Learning Center
- 12:15 PM **Lunch Break**
- 1:00 PM **Poster Session** | Health Sciences Learning Center Atrium
- 2:15 PM **Breakout Session #2** | Health Sciences Learning Center
- 3:30 PM **Closing Remarks** | Health Sciences Learning Center
Katie Pavek, PhD, MSN, RN, Clinical Associate Professor and Wellness Officer University of Wisconsin–Madison
- 4:00 PM **Poster Awards** | Health Sciences Learning Center
Anne Mork, MS, MHCSD, RN, Chief Nursing Officer, Ambulatory and Nursing Support Services, UW Health;
Susan Zahner, DrPH, RN, FNAP, FAAN, Interim Dean and Professor, University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Nursing

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Program details

Purpose

The Madison Area Nursing Symposium aims to provide a platform for sharing nursing research, evidence-based practices and quality improvement initiatives from regional health care systems and academic institutions. These contributions highlight the impact of nursing on improving health care outcomes, enhancing health care delivery models and advancing nursing education. Additionally, the symposium supports the professional development of students and nurses by providing them with the opportunity to professionally disseminate their work.

Learner outcomes

Upon completion of the symposium, participants will:

- Discuss the value of nursing
- Identify at least one nursing-initiated project or study applicable to your nursing role
- Evaluate regional nursing innovations in research, evidence-based practice, and quality improvement

Location

In-person sessions will be split between the UW-Madison School of Nursing and the Health Sciences Learning Center (HSLC), which are across the street from each other

- UW-Madison School of Nursing, Signe Skott Cooper Hall, 701 Highland Ave, Madison, WI 53705
- Health Sciences Learning Center, 750 Highland Ave, Madison, WI 53705

Virtual option will be offered via MS Teams. All sessions except the Poster Session will be available virtually.

UW Health is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the Wisconsin Nurse's Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation

Registration is required. Please [register here](#).
Registration open February 16.