



**California VN Educators  
Spring Conference 2026  
Day 1 — Friday, April 17, 2026**  
Location: Embassy Suites San Luis Obispo  
333 Madonna Rd., San Luis Obispo  
Direct Number: 8052438837

**Matthew Wanta, Founder & CEO, Stellar Curriculum Consulting, LLC  
Presentation: Smarter, Not Harder: Harnessing AI in Nursing Education**

**Day 1 Objectives**

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Define foundational concepts of artificial intelligence (AI) and describe its emerging roles in healthcare and nursing education.
2. Identify practical applications of AI tools that support teaching, assessment, and administrative workflows in vocational nursing programs.
3. Demonstrate basic proficiency in using select AI platforms (ChatGPT, Gemini, Notebook LM, Perplexity) to enhance instructional design, discussion prompts, and testing strategies.
4. Evaluate ethical considerations and regulatory implications related to AI use in academic and clinical training environments.
5. Collaboratively adapt and develop an AI use policy template suitable for departmental or institutional implementation.
6. Interpret how AI integration within learning management systems (Canvas and Moodle) can streamline faculty productivity and improve student engagement.

**AGENDA**

**08:00 – 08:45** Registration

**08:45 – 09:00** Introductions

**09:00 – 10:00** Understanding AI in healthcare and education: demystifying key concepts and terminology

**10:00 – 10:30 Break & Visit with Vendors**

**10:30 – 11:30** Integrating AI into nursing education: lesson planning, testing, documentation, and workflow support

**11:30 – 12:00** Developing ethical frameworks and institutional AI policies for responsible use by faculty and students

**12:00 – 13:00 Lunch**

**13:00 – 15:00**

Hands-on exploration of leading AI tools (ChatGPT, Google Gemini, NotebookLM, Perplexity, Turnitin Clarity, Nectir)

Overview of AI integration within Canvas and Moodle

— **10minute break included during session** —

**15:00 – 16:00** Collaborative adaptation to new technologies: exploring emerging or audience-suggested platforms relevant to vocational nursing education

**16:00 – 16:30** Raffles • Evaluations • Certificates



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Day 2 — Saturday, April 18, 2026**  
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**Health Education Alliance Presents:**

**Dr. Stephanie Robinson, PhD, RN  
Beatrice Hensleit, BSN, RN  
Presentation: The Changing Healthcare Environment**

**Dr. Carla T. Stanley, DNP, MBA-HCM, BSN, RN, FACHE, HCM-BC  
Dr. Carolyn Drake, Ed-D, MSN, RN  
Presentation: Cultural Competence, Implicit Bias & Bias Language**

**Day 2 Objectives**

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

**The Changing Healthcare Environment**

1. Define the types of regulatory surveys conducted in healthcare facilities.
2. Identify what surveyors review and the major categories assessed.
3. Identify the top 10 violations most cited during surveys.
4. Define the role of LVN and other healthcare personnel during a survey.
5. Identify educational strategies to help prepare the LVN for regulatory surveys.
6. Demonstrate correct, regulation aligned communication techniques when responding to surveyor questions during a survey.

**Cultural Competence, Implicit Bias & Bias Language**

1. Apply at least two implicit bias mitigation strategies during simulated or live patient encounters.
2. Commit to one measurable action that advances cultural competence within their program.
3. Model culturally competent communication behaviors for students and peers.
4. Integrate bias-mitigation strategies into faculty development or clinical instruction
5. Defend the inclusion of implicit bias education as essential-not optional-in nursing curricula.
6. Design learning activities that promote cultural humility and bias awareness among VN students.
7. Identify marginalized populations most affected by biased communication, including incarcerated patients.

## **AGENDA**

**07:45 – 08:15** Registration

**08:15 – 08:45** Business Meeting

**08:45 – 09:00** Introductions

**09:00 – 10:00** The Changing Healthcare Environment

**10:00 – 10:30** Break & Visit with Vendors

**10:30 – 12:00** The Changing Healthcare Environment continued

**12:00 – 13:00** **Lunch**

**13:00 – 15:00** Cultural Competence, Implicit Bias & Bias Language

**15:00 – 15:30** Discussion • Evaluation • Raffles