



34th Annual Education Conference
“Cultivating Health in Our Communities”
February 19-20, 2026
Kearney NE

Target Audience

- This conference is intended for Nurse Practitioners, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioner students.

Conference Objectives

- Enhance advanced practice knowledge in health promotion and disease prevention throughout the lifespan.
- Explore current pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic approaches for managing acute and chronic conditions.
- Examine the latest research and its practical application in clinical settings.
- Collaborate with local and national experts to gain new perspectives and innovative ideas.
- Create networking opportunities for nurse practitioners, students, and industry professionals to connect and share knowledge.

Conference Digital Platform

📱 Conference App & Registration

We'll be using Conference Tracker to make your conference experience easy and organized! The app will give you access to:

- ✓ Session details & schedules
- ✓ Industry dinners information on Wednesday and Thursday nights
- ✓ Handouts - download and/or print as you wish. They are uploaded as speakers turn them in.
- ✓ Evaluations & CE certificates
 - CE certificates are accessible only after you have completed each session evaluation and the conference evaluation.
 - Certificates are found on your DASHBOARD after you log in to your account on <https://www.conftrac.com>. You are not able to print off your certificate from the app.

👉 Always check the app for the latest updates on sessions, pharmacology credits, and handouts.

How to Access

- Register: [Click here to register](#) or visit www.nebraskanp.com.
- On Your Phone/Tablet: Download the green Conference Tracker app.
- On Your Computer: Go to <https://www.conftrac.com>.



CONFERENCE DETAILS

Location & Lodging


The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Kearney, NE.

- Room rate: \$130/night (conference block)
- Reservation link: [Book Here](#) or call locally **1-308-2375971** and ask for the Nebraska Nurse Practitioner Block
- Deadline: January 19, 2026, or until the room block is full.

Conference Format

Attend in the way that works best for you:

- In Person
- Live Virtual
- On Demand
- All of the Above Combination

 All sessions will be recorded and available til March 20, 2026. (with the exception of Skills Labs, which are in-person only and limited to 30 participants). Some sessions may be pre-recorded or presented virtually depending on speaker schedules.




Courtesy & Comfort

- Please silence phones/pagers during sessions.
- Step outside the lecture hall if you need to take/make a call.
- Breaks are built in for convenience.
- Out of courtesy to participants, infants and children are not permitted in educational sessions.

Transition to Practice Summit returns this year!

- Designed for graduating or newly graduated NPs.
- Available in person, live virtual, or on demand.
- Experienced NPs may attend, but priority goes to students and new grads if space is limited.


Exhibitors - Thursday February 19th


- Exhibitor Bingo: Pick up your card at registration, visit exhibitors, and return your stamped card by 4:30 PM Thursday to enter the drawing.
 - Prizes:
 -  \$250 VISA Gift Card
 -  \$100 VISA Gift Card
 -  Six winners of \$25 VISA Gift Cards

Posters - Thursday February 19th 10:45am-12pm.

We are excited to welcome NP students from Methodist College, Clarkson College, Creighton University, and the University of Nebraska Medical Center to participate in this year's poster presentations!

Attendees will have the chance to view student projects, engage in discussion, and cast a vote for their favorite.


 **Awards:** The students with the highest votes will be recognized and receive prizes during the Thursday evening social.

 **Is your school not listed?** We'd love to include you! Please contact [Diane Jackson](#) for details on how to participate.

CONFERENCE DETAILS


Networking & Social Events

Join us Thursday, 5:00 PM for an evening of networking and fun!

- Cocktails/ hors d'oeuvres/Exhibitor Bingo prizes/Poster winners
- Purse & Wine Auction benefiting 
- Music Bingo 
- Event will finish in time for Industry Dinners (RSVP with the rep hosting the dinner you'd like to attend—details in the Conference Tracker App).

Industry Dinners

- Enjoy industry-hosted dinners on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Details in the app, RSVP to the appropriate representative.

 **Friday Finale: “Last NNP Standing”** drawings at the end of the conference:

- Free 2026 conference registration
- Free NNP membership
- Must be present online or in person during the final session to win (notification via email).

Continuing Education

- This education activity is pending approval by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners® of up to XX contact hours of accredited education.
- Planned in accordance with AANP Accreditation Standards and Policies.
- (Updated hours will be posted as approval is finalized.)

Conference Registration Fees

NNP Member – \$350

✓ Access to all conference sessions including any Transition to Practice Summit Sessions

✓ In Person, Virtual or a combination. On-demand til March 20, 2026.

🔑 Please log in to the [NNP Website](#) to find your [member code](#) before registering.

Nonmember – \$455

✓ Includes a 1-year NNP membership (or go ahead and [become a member](#) to enjoy the benefits right away)

✓ Access to all conference sessions including any Transition to Practice Summit Sessions

✓ In Person, Virtual or a combination. On-demand til March 20, 2026.

Student / New Grad Rate – \$50 (For those without an APRN license)

✓ Transition to Practice Summit – Thursday

✓ Access to all conference sessions in addition to the Transition to Practice

✓ In Person, Virtual or a combination. On-demand til March 20, 2026.

Late Fee – \$50

Applies to all in-person registrations received after February 4.

Thursday February 19, 2026

7:15 - 8:00 AM	Milestone Pharmaceutical Sponsored Breakfast Lecture	
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Cultivating Health Through Purpose, Power, and Position	April Odom DNP, APRN-FPA, FNP-BC
9:15 - 10:15 AM	Altered Mental Status in Adults	John "Andy" Craig MD
9:15 - 10:15 AM	The Great Detective Case: Anemia	Amy Raedeker DNP, ARNP, AOCNP
10:15 - 11:00 AM	Exhibitors and Break - Sponsored by Gilead Sciences	
10:15 - 11:00 AM	Posters	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Beyond the Newborn Screen: Understanding Hemoglobinopathies and Sickle Cell Disease	McKenzie Falcone DNP, APRN-NP, CPNP-AC/PC
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Supporting Mental Health Needs in Emergency Departments	Tracy Weiland Licensed Clinical Social Worker
12:00 - 12:45 PM	Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Sponsored Lunch Lecture	

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1:00 - 2:00 PM	Nebraska AgrAbility - A resource For Farmers and Ranchers With Disabilities Throughout Nebraska	Emily Jacobson MOT, Rural Rehabilitation Specialist
1:00 - 2:00 PM	The Next Credit Hour: NP Entrepreneurship	April Odom DNP, APRN-FPA, FNP-BC
2:15 - 3:15 PM	Common and Uncommon GI Emergencies: An ER Perspective for the Family Practice NP	Jill Ogg-Gress DNP, APRN, FNP-C ENP-C
2:15 - 3:15 PM	Update on Hypertension Management	Douglas Kosmicki MD
3:15 - 4:00 PM	Afternoon Exhibitors/Break - Sponsored by Alexion Pharmaceuticals	
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Expanding Your Reach as a Rural Nurse Practitioner	Jenni Gallagher APRN
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Tianeptine, Xylazine, Kratom	Nathan Kaiser APRN
5:15 - 6:45 PM	Networking Event/Music Bingo/Silent Auction	

Industry Dinners

for Wednesday and Thursday Evenings

Refer to Conference Tracker for all information

Thursday February 19, 2026

Transition to Practice Agenda

7:15 - 8:00 AM	Milestone Pharmaceutical Sponsored Breakfast Lecture	
8:00 - 8:45 AM	TTP: Putting the Puzzle Together: Fulfillment and Frustrations	Heather Chambers DNP, FNP-BC
9:00 - 9:45 AM	TTP: Use of the CyncHealth HIE and PDMP	Brigid Christensen CPhT
9:45 - 10:15 AM	TTP EXHIBITORS BREAK - Sponsored by Gilead Sciences	
10:15 - 11:00 AM	TTP: Posting with Purpose: Professionalism and Social Media as a Nurse Practitioner	Haley Hays DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, ENP-C, AGACNP-BC
11:15 AM -12:00 PM	TTP: Transition to Practice for New and Future NNPs	Ann Young APRN, PMHNP Miranda Kliment DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
12:00 - 12:45 PM	Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Sponsored Lunch Lecture	
1:00 - 1:45 PM	TTP: Malpractice Insurance - What is Provided by the Employer and What Do You Need?	Erin Pemberton JD, MSN
2:00 - 2:45 PM	TTP: How to level E/M Services	Debra Hudson CPC, CPMA
2:45 - 3:15 PM	TTP BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS - Sponsored by Alexion Pharmaceuticals	
2:45 - 3:15 PM	TTP: APRN Practice Lanes: Staying in the Lines	Danielle Dohrmann PhD MSN RN
4:15 - 5:00 PM	TTP: Q&A with TTP NP Panel	

Thursday February 19th 5:15PM

Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres

Exhibitor Bingo Prizes

Poster Awards

Music Bingo

Wine and Purse Auction
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Friday February 20th 2026

Recorded Lecture to be viewed prior to Skills Lab	Essential Emergency Procedures: Suturing Skills Didactic Session	Michael Gooch DNP, APRN, CCP, FFASTN, FAANP, FAEN
7:15 - 8:30 AM	Astra Zeneca Sponsored Breakfast Lecture	
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Your Journey to a Meaningful Life	Janelle Hill PMHNP, APRN-BC
9:45 - 3:45 PM	Essential Emergency Procedures: Airway Management, Chest Interventions, and Suturing Skills	Michael Gooch DNP, APRN, CCP, FFASTN, FAANP, FAEN Haley Hays DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, ENP-C, AGACNP-BC
9:45 - 10:45 AM	Integrated Behavioral Health in a Rural Health Clinic (a personal experience)	Renee Sayer DNP, APRN-NP, FNP-C, PMHNP-C, RN, MSN, BSN
9:45 - 10:45 AM	Navigating the Weight Management Horizon: GLP-1 Medications & Beyond	Molly Lupo DNP
10:45 - 11:00 AM	Friday Morning Break	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Chronic ThromboEmbolic Pulmonary Hypertension	Rhonda Dennis MSN, FNP-BC, AGACNP-BC
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Current Trends in Global Health	Lindee Abe MSN, ARNP, FNP-C, ENP-C
12:15 - 1:15 PM	LUNCH - NNP Business Meeting/Legislative Update	Kelley Hasenauer DNP, APRN Miranda Kliment DNP, APRN-NP, FNP-C

Friday February 20th 2026

1:30 - 2:30 PM	Weight Gain During Perimenopause and Menopause	Amy McCracken DNP, APRN, MSCP
1:30 - 2:30 PM	What is SMART Recovery?	Connie Nelson MSN, APRN-NP, PMHNP-BC
2:30 - 2:45 PM	Almost There Break	
2:45 - 3:45 PM	Care That Connects: Integrating Care Management Models to Support Patients, Sustain Practices, and Build Stronger Communities	Elisabeth Collins DNP, APRN-NP
2:45 - 3:45 PM	Pediatric Abuse: Clinical Signs, Trauma-Informed Care, and Mandatory Reporting	Ashley Harris MSN, APRN, FNP-C, SANE-P, SANE-A, CPN

Future NNP Conference Dates

2027

LINCOLN NE
February 19-20

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KEARNEY NE
October 5-6

2029

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