

IONL Fall Conference
September 23-25, 2026
“Leading With Purpose, Shaping What’s Next”

September 23rd

0730 - 0830 Registration/Breakfast | 0730-0830 New Attendee Breakfast
0830 - 0835 Opening & Welcome
0835 – 0845 Cathy Wichman, IONL CEO Update
0845 – 0900 Jason Gilbert, IONL President Address
0900 - 0945 Jen Shirkani – “How Top Leaders Use Emotional Intelligence for Success”
0945 – 1015 Break and Vendors
1015 - 1100 Jen Shirkani – “How Top Leaders Use Emotional Intelligence for Success”
1100 – 1130 Mike Shroyer & Cathy Wichman
 “Indiana Career Apprenticeship Pathway: The Future of Workforce Development”
1130 - 1200 Scott Tittle, IHA President Update
1200 – 1300 Scholarship Luncheon
1300 - 1320 Vendor Spotlight
1320 - 1400 Daisy State Leader Recognition
1400 - 1445 Kathleen Bartholomew – “A Passion for The Art of Nursing”
1445 - 1515 Breaks & Vendors
1515 – 1600 Kathleen Bartholomew “A Passion for The Art of Nursing”
1600 - 1615 Closing & Drawings

*Evening Networking Events: Dinner at The Stables
(Cocktails: 1800 / Dinner: 1830)*

September 24th

0730-0820 Registration/Breakfast
0820-0830 Opening & Welcome
0830-0900 Jennifer Embree, DNP, RN, NE-BC, CCNS, FAAN
 “Identifying Professional Identity in Nursing Opportunities of Indiana Nurses, Leading from the Edge”
0900 -0945 Laura Adams - “Patient Safety in the Era of AI: New Help and New Hope”
0945-1015 Break, Posters and Vendors
1015-1100 Laura Adams – “Patient Safety in the Era of AI: New Help and New Hope”
1100-1130 All Member Meeting
1130-1230 Past President Luncheon
1230-1330 Patrick Riecke
 “From Burnout to Stability: How Nurse Leaders Can Build Healthy Teams & Retain Talent”
1330-1415 Sara Ross – “Transforming Stress, Uncertainty, and Fear into Future-Ready Resilience”
1415-1445 Break, Posters and Vendors
1445-1530 Sara Ross – “Transforming Stress, Uncertainty, and Fear into Future-Ready Resilience”
1530-1545 Closing & Drawings

*Golf – 1545 (Valley Links Course)
Dinner Stations begin @ 1900
Network Night: 1900 – 2200 Karaoke night*

September 25th

0730-0820 Registration/Breakfast
0820-0830 Opening & Welcome
0830-0930 Julie Crossley & Terri Miller: “Not a Cost – An Investment”
 “Changing the Equation: Building the Business Case for Enhanced Nurse-to-Patient Ratios”
0930-1030 Sean Olsen, “Intentional Leadership: Where Purpose Drives Transformation”
1030-1045 Break
1045-1145 Sean Olsen, “Intentional Leadership: Where Purpose Drives Transformation”
1145-1200 Closing & Drawings

Free Continuing Education Hours will be available.