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WCCHSE Virtual Conference 2026 – Resilient Health Sciences: Educating for Tomorrow’s Demands

May 12–28, 2026



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Schedule

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Resiliency in Healthcare

Pacific Daylight Time	Main Room
16:00 – 17:30	Keynote: Redefining Burnout: Saying the Quiet Part Out Loud and Reclaiming Our Humanity in Health Sciences, Dr. Tomi Mitchell, MD

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Tools and Ingredients for Learning Success

Pacific Daylight Time	Main Room
12:00 - 12:40	Keynote: Preparing Graduates to Advance Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Professor Emeritus John H. V. Gilbert, C.M., Ph.D., LLD (Hon), FCAHS
	Room 1
12:45 - 13:00	Triage-based Mentorship Framework for New Nursing Faculty Lorelei Janzen, Rona Miller, and Sarah Johanson
13:00 - 13:15	Scaffolding Digital Confidence: Supporting Learners with Varying Levels of Tech Anxiety in Simulation Based Education Clare Howland, Jolene McLeod, and Jacinda Daley
	Room 2
12:45 - 13:00	Preparing Final-Term Nursing Students for Complex Care Through Multiple-Patient Simulation Michelle Cho and Carla Ferreira
13:00 - 13:15	Rethinking Assessment in the Age of AI: Are Traditional Assignments Still Relevant? Somayeh Faghanipour
	Main Room
13:15 - 13:30	Piloting UbiSim VR in a BSN Program: Tools and Lessons for Learning Success Jasica Munday, Robert Kim, Caitlin Jones, Inderdeep Grewal, Lea Ducharme



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Thursday, May 28, 2026

Stitching Education and Practice Together

Pacific Daylight Time			
10:00 - 11:00	Keynote: BC's Health Student Practice Education (SPE) Simulation Strategy: Enhancing Student Clinical Placement Capacity Through Simulation, Jo-Ellen Zakoor, Dean, School of Health Sciences, Vancouver Community College		
Vendor			
11:05 - 11:15	Break		
Poster Presentations, Room 1			
11:15 - 11:30	Can a board game foster a deeper understanding of Truth and Reconciliation? Dorothy Booth		
Poster Presentations, Room 2			
11:15 - 11:30	Metacognitive Self-Awareness Development During Student-Led Graduate Health Care Course Anu M. Räisänen, Nicole R. Peterson, Erin F.E. Pinkston, and Molly B. O'Rourke		
Presentations			
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
11:30 - 11:45	When Stillness is Not Consent: Lessons from Horses on Trauma Responses Devanee Cardinal	The Perception of the Impact of Stress and Anxiety in High-fidelity Simulation and How It Compares to the Clinical Environment Michael Eliadis	Clinical Event Debriefing Education as a Catalyst for Healthcare Resiliency Jaime Gallaher and TJ Young
11:45 - 12:00	Outbreak Readiness as Workforce Wellness: Teaching Prevention Effectiveness Through Simulation Adrienne Olszewski	Protective Factors Against Burnout: Building Capacity to Increase Retention Daniel Gonsalves, Natasha Hubbard Murdoch, Lindsey Boechler, Darien Dyck, Anson Chen, Iktan De La Vega, and Vince Salamon	Building Resiliency Through Feedback and Debriefing: Strengthening Communication Skills in Clinical Practice Nicole Delaney
12:00 - 12:15	Psychological Detachment in Novice Nurses Britt Rousseaux and Natasha Hubbard Murdoch	Resilience in Nursing Education Paramita Banerjee	Interprofessional Learning Culinary Arts and Nursing Dorothy Booth
12:15 - 12:30	Theory informing healthy learning and health-promoting practice-ready healthcare professionals Laura MacDonald	The THRIVE Project: Embedding Immersive Mental Health Education into Practice Lindsey Boechler and Erin Lench	

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