

Developing nursing leaders to inspire change today and tomorrow

The Nurse LEAD Program by Practicing Excellence uses a proven skill-building approach to specifically recognize, support, and amplify the overall impact of the nurse leader through skill-development, application, and shared learning.



WHY NURSE LEADERS

The nurse leader is a crucial role. Research continually shows that the nurse leader has direct impact on team engagement, nurse retention, quality and safety goals, and patient experience.



DYNAMIC FORMAT

6 sessions over 6 months

- Session 1 will be a 1 1/2 day in-person intensive
- 5 subsequent 3 1/2 hour monthly virtual sessions
- Sessions are paired with supplemental micro-learning from the Practicing Excellence Library



TOPICS

- Cultivating Your Influence as an Authentic Leader
- Building an Engaged Team
- Creating a Culture for Excellence
- Navigating Change
- Communicating for Impact
- Maximizing the Capacity of Your Team



OUTCOMES

Participants have reported an improvement in their:

- Leadership Skills
- Ability to inspire their teams
- Use of leadership language to drive team engagement and fuel joy
- Well-being and life-work balance

BENEFITS

- Focus on amplifying leader impact
- Develop communication and problem-solving skills
- Translate learnings to frontline nursing excellence
- Join an ongoing community of nurse leaders
- Earn 20+ continuing education credits
- Coaching from national nursing thought leaders
- Build trusted relationships with peer-to-peer learning

SAMPLE SESSION AGENDA

We will focus on the development of communication, collaboration, and leadership skills to influence the real challenges faced by nurse leaders in their daily work.

- **Opening:** Context setting exercise
- **Reflection:** Learn - Try - Share in action for continuous skill-building
- **Education:** Data-driven didactic learning and interactive exercise
- **Activation:** Action learning sessions - small group facilitated activities to build skills, empower, and problem solve
- **Closing:** Action plan for continuous development



July–December 2026

Cross-Organizational Cohort

Session 1 will be held in-person over 1 ½ days in Arlington, VA

Sessions 2-6 will be held virtually over Zoom from 12:00-4:00pm EST

Session 1: July 22-23

Session 2: August 19

Session 3: September 16

Session 4: October 14

Session 5: November 11

Session 6: December 9

Graduation Ceremony: December 16

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 19, 2026

\$3,500 per participant



Join us for an open informational session about the upcoming Nurse LEAD Program powered by Practicing Excellence on February 3, 2026 at 12pm EST!

Interested in hosting your own private, organization-specific, cohort? For more information please visit <https://info.practicingexcellence.com/nurseleadinginquiry> or contact us at members@practicingexcellence.com