

# CENTER FOR NURSING ADVANCEMENT

THOUGHTS FROM THE FRONTLINE



JULY 2024

## National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers 2024 Conference

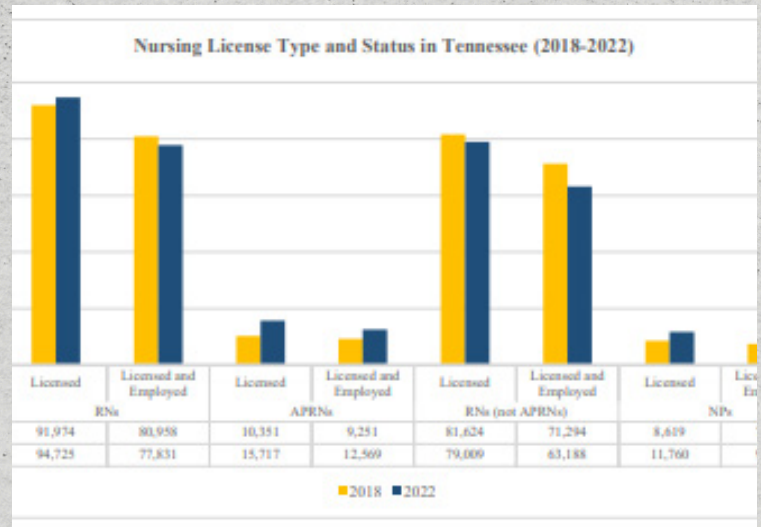


From June 17 to 19, 2024, Dr. Monaco Briggs, representing our Center, participated in the National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers' 2024 Annual Conference. Themed "Accelerating Nursing Workforce Solutions: Innovative Programs and Data to Transform Policy," the conference tackled pressing issues related to the nursing workforce shortage. These included the K-12 pipeline, educational pathways, levels of RN and APRN education, workforce health and well-being, upskilling through academic and mentoring programs, workforce optimization, workforce data, and state and federal policies.

Dr. Briggs actively participated in 16 informative sessions, took advantage of numerous networking opportunities, and gathered essential resources to propel forward the Center's initiatives.

## HRSA TN Workforce Data

In June, the Center released a comprehensive report based on HRSA data, comparing the nursing workforce from 2018 to 2022. This report offers detailed insights into demographic trends, educational achievements, licensure statuses, employment patterns, types of roles, work environments, and earnings specific to RNs, APRNs, and NPs. The analysis highlights significant changes in the nursing workforce dynamics over the past four years. Notably, while the number of RNs and non-APRN RNs has declined, there has been a simultaneous rise in APRNs and NPs. This shift underscores the evolving landscape of nursing roles and responsibilities. To see the full report visit our [website here](#).



## Staffing Updates

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

In partnership with Parker Executive Search, the Center has initiated the search for its next Executive Director. This pivotal role will spearhead a team dedicated to crafting and executing strategies aimed at overcoming challenges in recruiting, retaining, and enhancing the professional skills of a robust healthcare workforce, with a specific focus on nursing in our region and state.

The Executive Director will lead faculty and staff in advancing initiatives to streamline and expand the pipeline of quality nursing education across Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. This includes developing and implementing cutting-edge clinical and academic models to attract and retain nursing talent, as well as supporting the overall well-being of nurses in all facets of their professional practice. To view the job post, click [HERE](#).



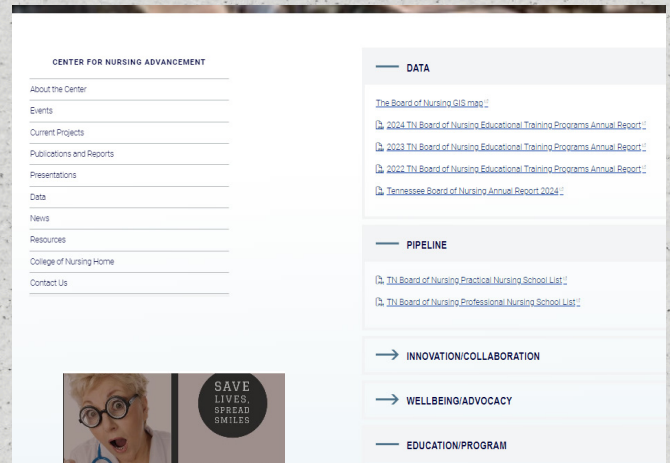
### OFFICE COORDINATOR:

On July 1, the Center welcomed Christine Wharton as our new Office Coordinator. Christine joins us from a previous position at ETSU, bringing extensive experience in accounts payable. She is enthusiastic about contributing to our marketing and social media endeavors. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Christine as she settles into her new role!

## Resources Section Added to Website

We are excited to announce the launch of a new Resources section on the Center's website, organized into categories reflecting our four core foci: Data, Pipeline, Innovation/Collaboration, and Wellbeing/Advocacy. Additionally, we have introduced an Education/Programs section. While we will continue to add new resources weekly, several are already available that you may find valuable. If you have a resource suggestion for our section, please email us at [nursingadvancement@etsu.edu](mailto:nursingadvancement@etsu.edu).

Navigate to the resources section: [HERE](#)



## Advancing Nursing Podcast

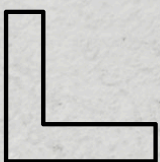
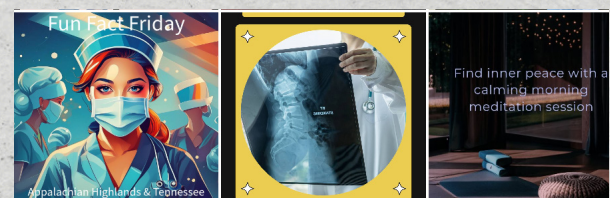
As our current podcast season progresses, we're excited to share that two more episodes are coming your way before we take a brief break. Season 2 is set to launch during the Fall Semester with 13 exciting episodes. Alongside this, we'll be rebranding with a fresh new podcast name. Stay tuned, as we'll be looking to you for help in renaming the podcast!

You can catch the Advancing Nursing podcast on your preferred podcast platform or visit our website [HERE](#). Don't miss out!



## Social Media

Stay connected with us on social media for engaging content tailored for the nursing community! Follow us for Motivation Monday to kickstart your week, Wellbeing Wednesday for tips on self-care and wellness, and Fun Fact Friday for interesting insights. We also share valuable information and resources to support your professional journey. Join us on Facebook and Instagram: ETSU Center for Nursing Advancement, to stay informed and inspired!



# NURSE NARRATIVES

*Reflections from the heart of nursing*



The Nurse Narratives initiative invites nurses to tell their stories of human connection and personal insight as they navigate the challenges and triumphs of nursing

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Event Starts at 6:00 pm

ETSU D.P. CULP STUDENT CENTER  
MARTHA STREET CULP AUDITORIUM

Register for the event [HERE](#)



This initiative is a collaboration among Ballad Health, ETSU Appalachian Highlands Center for Nursing Advancement, and StoryCollab