

The Importance of the Ontario Nurses' Association for Nurses

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Ontario Nurses' Association is a committed union which works tirelessly to ensure good working conditions for Ontario's nurses and good quality care for the people of Ontario.

Founded in 1973, ONA represents the interests of registered nurses, health-care professionals and nursing students. ONA, in collaboration with its members, is working to: identify the problems experienced by front-line nurses, develop a plan to address these issues and work alongside the appropriate decision makers to improve the quality of care for Ontarians and ensure safe working conditions for Ontario's nurses. Issues like: shortage of staff, increased work load and inadequate PPE interfere with nurses' ability to provide safe and quality care to their patients. ONA makes nurses' voices heard and adopts a political stance to ensure that its members' working conditions enable them to deliver the highest standard of care. Nurses are dedicated individuals, who physically and mentally invest themselves in their profession. By advocating for a reasonable working environment, ONA enables its members to attain a sustainable work-life balance. Through its perseverance, ONA ensures that its members have an equitable wage, good health and dental benefits, fair vacation entitlements and numerous professional education opportunities.

The Ontario Nurses' Association is aware of the nurses' hard work and is striving to achieve better working conditions for its members and high-quality health care for Ontarians.