

The Importance of the Ontario Nurses' Association Kamryn Butler

Nursing in Ontario is comprised of thousands of empathetic, responsible, and educated individuals who dedicate their lives to aid the well being and health of individuals in their care. The Ontario Nurses' Association provides unity for, and support to nurses and healthcare workers across the province. The association plays a vital role in organizing, supporting, and advocating for their dedicated members.

The Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) is important for nurses for many reasons. ONA is the voice of its members, providing support for excellence in practice. Nurses can rely on ONA for practice information and resources to support their learning. The association is a proactive union committed to ensuring work-life balance and enabling the provision of high-quality care to patients through collective bargaining. Since 1973, the association has ensured that the workplace rights of nurses are outlined in contracts and that nurses have protection in their workplaces against unfair practices and unsafe work conditions. ONA is an advocate in the media, promoting the integrity of Ontario's nurses and informing the public of the value of nursing to healthcare, and the risks associated with nursing cuts in Ontario. The recently released "Priorities and Promises" is a call out against government health-care reform, and urges the public to voice their concern.

The Ontario Nurses' Association a trusted source of support for healthcare workers they represent. ONA is the voice of Ontario's knowledgeable and experienced nurses, a strong union committed to an excellent quality of work-life for members, enabling them to provide high-quality care to those in need. I am a future nurse, a proud daughter of an ONA member and I am looking forward to joining this profession and becoming part of this strong voice for nurses.