

The Importance of the Ontario Nurses' Association for nurses

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Nursing runs in my family; at almost every turn a family member is a happy and successful nurse in Ontario. However, it is my aunt, Donna ter-Horst, a nurse for almost 20 years, and president of her department at the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit that inspired me to pursue Registered Nursing in fall 2019.

The Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) is a collaborative union where employees and employers work as one in a safe, caring, environment. The ONA has established a respected and well-versed union dedicated to its nurses, who in turn are dedicated to their jobs. Their priority is safe practice and the well-being of all patients, they have high standards for nursing, and adapt quickly to the ever-changing needs of the health care system.

ONA desires that nurses be surrounded by an environment where education and personal growth is crucially important, all while pushing for diversity and creativity in patient care. A foundation built on respect and trust; two important qualities for nurses and building therapeutic relationships with patients as well as providing the best care possible. Finally, ONA looks out for its nurses by providing benefit programs, professional liability insurance, and occupational health and safety advice, as well as the best workplaces and coworkers.

For 10 years Nursing has been my dream, now nearing my High School Graduation I am beyond excited to enter the medical world. I'm humbled by the opportunities I've had to work alongside and with many professors at St Lawrence College as part of educational and research programs. I wish to continue my dreams and goals in order to work with and alongside this great foundation to better lives each and every day.