

## **The Importance of the Ontario Nurses' Association for Nurses**

Attending Trent University this upcoming school year marks the beginning of my entrance to the nursing field. I am very aware of the stressful, extremely significant position nursing is within our society. Ontario Nurses' Association is the reason the world of healthcare runs as smoothly as possible. ONA's achievements and goals have transformed nurses within the workplace from individual pieces, towards a connected puzzle. Full of unity, confidence and successful service.

Having two members within my immediate family work under ONA has given me insight to realize how smoothly the association runs by the positive feedback I've received. My mother has worked as a reliable, confident emergency room nurse within Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare for over 30 years. ONA is the main reason she has been more than delighted to extend her career within the workfield for such a long time. My mother values the emergency room; always feeling satisfied within her work space, tasks, communication and most of all feeling safe and secure.

ONA has an objective to increase satisfaction, comfort, confidence and happiness of nurses within the workplace, in result ensuring patients receive high quality healthcare. ONA has achieved this and more. The trade union represents over 60,000 registered nurses and health care professionals who work exceptionally hard, ONA in return helps to ensure their work is feasible. Nursing is a stressful position within society, with a large liability, as well as a huge risk towards safety. ONA is a figure which fights for nurses' rights and respect by both patients and higher figures. They ensure nurses' safety along with patient care.

Therefore entering the nursing field I feel more than confident knowing my rights and respect will be fought for, and my career will be as positive as possible through the support of the Ontario Nurses' Association.

Sincerely,

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