



The Power of Nurses

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This year, we are focusing on the incredible power of nurses, and the vital role storytelling plays in advocacy. Sharing your lived experiences is a powerful way to connect with legislators and influence decisions that impact nursing and healthcare.

Storytelling touches human emotions, encouraging people to acknowledge your reality and take meaningful action. By sharing your story, you show that all nurses matter, inspiring colleagues, supervisors, legislators, and the public to understand and support the nursing profession.

As the Legislature convenes in February, critical issues affecting nurses and nursing practice will be on the agenda, including Surgical Smoke and APRN Transition to Practice. Legislators need to hear directly from nurses to understand how

their decisions impact patient care and the nursing workforce.

Currently, only two nurses, Marilyn Stark and Cindy Roe, serve in the House of Representatives. They rely on our support to educate their fellow legislators about the needs of nurses and the importance of policies that promote safe, high-quality care.

Get Involved

Nurses play a crucial role in shaping healthcare policy, and your participation is essential. Here's how you can make a difference:

- Serve as a **Nurse of the Day** at the State Capitol.
- Attend **Nurses Day at the Capitol** on March 4.
- Explore ONA's Legislative Agenda and Priorities on our website.

These are just a few ways to engage with ONA and support advocacy, education, and advancement for the promotion of health.

Your voice matters—together, we can shape the future of nursing and healthcare in Oklahoma. ■



You're Invited!
MARCH 4, 2025
National Cowboy & Western
Heritage Museum

Highlights of the Event:

- 🏛️ **Legislative Insights:** Learn about the legislative process and how to advocate for the nursing profession, presented by ONA lobbyist Vickie White Rankin
- 📖 **Bill Discussions:** Gain valuable insights into current legislation in the House and Senate.
- 🗨️ **Engage with Legislators:** Meet with your legislators to discuss current bills impacting healthcare and the nursing profession.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to amplify your voice and support the nursing profession!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Register today

