
Why Become a Full Member of AURN/ONA



Many nurses at OHSU think that they are Full Members of AURN/ONA even though they are “Fair Share” payer. What is the difference? First of all, “Fair Share” is the default category for all new hires at OHSU. If you have not filled out an ONA membership application, you are not a full member! Second, “Fair Share” payers are not eligible to receive all of the benefits of full membership and are also not entitled to a range of participation and voting rights. In order to be an active and engaged member of AURN/ONA, you must be a Full Member. There are a number of excellent reasons to fill out your ONA membership application now!

First, Full Membership Actually SAVES you money

The additional cost is only \$12 a month, which gives you:

- ANA membership and ANA Programs (saving you direct membership costs of \$183 annually)
- Discounted CE credits at ONA Convention
- Access to ONA sponsored CEU opportunities throughout the year including webinars and special conferences
- Discounted ANCC Certifications
- Free Legal Consulting Services
- Consumer discounts (saving you potentially thousands of dollars each year), including:
 - ◊ California Casualty Auto & Home Insurance
 - ◊ Get Away Today Vacations
 - ◊ Rip City Rewards (Portland Trail Blazers)
 - ◊ Celebrate! ONA Holiday Entertainment Guide

Second, Full Members Give Us Power at The Bargaining Table

When management knows that all of the nurses at OHSU are speaking with one voice, through their democratically elected leadership, they listen. The higher our membership percentage, the more power we have. The more power we have, the more likely we'll be able to make the changes that nurses at OHSU want.

Third, Full Members Have a Voice in AURN

Only Full Members can assume local Bargaining Unit leadership positions and vote on contract ratification and other matters affecting nurses at OHSU. Fair Share payers only have an advisory vote.

Fourth, Full Members Have Access to ONA Leadership Opportunities

ONA provides our members with a wide range of leadership development opportunities through ONA, including serving on any of our practice, ethics and policy cabinets, the ONA Board, or Professional Nursing Care Committees (PNCCs).

Fifth, Full Members Have Access to Professional Consultations

ONA's Professional Services staff is available to all ONA members for direct, one-on-one consultation on a wide range of practice issues. These include individual consultations on questions related to scope of nursing practice, health, safety and ergonomics, workers compensation, design of the workplace environment and career counseling.

To find out more about how to become a full member, speak with one of your ONA Labor Representatives:

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Or visit us online at OregonRN.org to download a membership application! You can also go online to learn more about our membership benefits and the important role ONA plays in promoting and protecting your profession.
