FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 28, 2016

OREGON NURSES ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW HEAD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

TUALATIN, Ore. – Today, the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) introduced Larlene Dunsmuir, DNP, FNP, ANP-C, as the new head ONA’s Professional Services department. Dunsmuir first joined ONA’s staff as a continuing education accreditation manager in 2015. She also works as a family nurse practitioner and nurse faculty member at the University of Portland.

During her time at ONA, Dunsmuir helped launch ONA’s continuing education system, Oregon Continuing Education Activities for Nurses (OCEAN), and led ONA’s work to earn accreditation for its education programs from the prestigious American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). ONA is the only ANCC-accredited provider or approver of continuing nursing education in Oregon.

In her new role leading ONA’s Professional Services department, Dunsmuir will plan and implement statewide programs and activities that advance nursing practice, education and research for Oregon’s nurses.

“Larlene’s accomplishments show she is committed to increasing professional development opportunities for nurses and working to advance nursing practice locally and nationally,” said ONA Executive Director Susan King, RN, MS, CEN, FAAN. “I’m confident her leadership and vision will help move our organization forward and increase our value to our members.”

Dunsmuir is a longtime ONA member who previously worked as a staff nurse at Providence Portland Medical Center. There she took an active role in improving nursing practice and patient care through her work on her local professional nursing care committee. Dunsmuir has also...
served as the education committee chair of the Nurse Practitioners of Oregon (NPO), a special interest group within ONA dedicated to enhancing practice for Oregon's nurse practitioners.

Dunsmuir received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Portland and earned a doctorate of nursing practice from Chatham University in Pittsburgh.

The Oregon Nurses Association represents more than 13,500 nurses. ONA was founded in 1904 as the professional association for nurses in Oregon. It is a nonprofit association and a labor union representing registered nurses. ONA’s mission is to advocate for nursing and quality health care and healthy communities. For more information visit www.OregonRN.org.

###