

# Nurses Day at the Statehouse

## Nurses as Legislative Partners: An Informed Voice for Health Policy

February 24, 2010



Statistically, one in every fifty voters in Ohio is a nurse. There is **POWER** in nursing! Yet every day the Ohio General Assembly and various state regulatory agencies make decisions that impact a nurse's ability to practice, sometimes without any input from **that nurse-YOU!**

- Shouldn't there be a group or groups in the state to give you the tools you need to communicate with legislators?
- Shouldn't a group of nurses who understand your professional life be advocating for you?
- Is anyone watching these state decision-makers closely and providing you the opportunity to learn all about laws or rules important to nursing or the greater healthcare community?

To meet this challenge, the Ohio Nurses Association, the Ohio League for Nursing, the Summit and Portage District of ONA, the Ohio Organization of Nurse Executives, the Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses, The Ohio State College of Nursing, the Ohio Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Kent State College of Nursing, the Ohio Council for Home Care and Hospice, the Ohio Association of School Nurses, the Ohio State Council of Emergency Nurses Association, Northeast Ohio Case Management Network, the Ohio Council of periOperative Registered Nurses, the Ohio State Association of Nurse Anesthetists, the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, Lorain County Community College, the Nurses Democratic Caucus, the University of Akron College of Nursing, the Ohio Nursing Students Association, Indiana Wesleyan University, the Ohio Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Chamberlain College of Nursing and the Columbus Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society have come together to unlock the doors of Ohio politics for nurses across the state!

Be a part of the action as experts not only provide you with the timely legislative news and information you seek, but also help you unlock your potential to be an influential part of Ohio's political process. Learn to communicate effectively with those in power, hear success stories of nurses in action, see a behind-the-scenes look at the Ohio Statehouse and its history, watch legislative committees discussing issues pertinent to nursing, and educate your individual legislators about health care issues closest to you and your daily life!

This valuable day will provide you with tools and resources to personally get to know your state elected officials, understand the issues and be able to communicate your views to all levels of government. We are calling you to action!

<p><b>Cost for the day:</b>                  \$80 Non-Member; \$45 Participating Organization Member;                  \$32 Student (Including Lunch); \$25 Student (Lunch on your own)</p>	<p>Register TODAY!! Space is limited.  <b>Registration Deadline: February 12, 2009</b>                  Register online at <a href="http://www.ohnurses.org">www.ohnurses.org</a> or                  mail to: Ohio Nurses Association                  ATTN: Molly Ackley                  4000 E Main Street, Columbus, OH 43213</p>	<p><b>No continuing educations credit will be awarded for this event but an independent study will be provided at no additional cost for your completion should you desire to do so.</b></p>
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**Schedule of Events**  
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8:00 am                      Registration & Networking (Continental Breakfast available)

9:00-10:00 am            Introductions, Welcome & Legislative Keynote

10:00-11:00 am        Panel Presentation – Nursing Issues

11:00 – 11:30am        Legislator Presentation

11:30- 12:30 pm        Optional Sessions\*:

A. Statehouse Tour by Statehouse Guide

B. Attend House or Senate Committee Hearing

12:30 – 1:30 pm        Lunch with Legislators in the Atrium

1:30 – 2:30pm            Attend House or Senate Session or

Repeat optional sessions \* A&B

\*Individuals may also use these times to schedule a meeting with their legislators by contacting the legislator's office directly.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ Organization Member \$45.00 - Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ Non-Member \$80.00    \_\_ Student With Lunch \$32.00    \_\_ Student Without Lunch \$25 (limited availability)

\_\_ I would like a vegetarian lunch.

Please Check Preference:

Morning Optional Events \_\_A. Statehouse Tour    \_\_B. House/Senate Committee Hearing

Afternoon Optional Events \_\_A. Statehouse Tour    \_\_B. House/Senate Session or Committee Hearing

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