

Membership Information

VONL

VERMONT ORGANIZATION of NURSE LEADERS

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**Our mission is to promote leadership development
and networking opportunities for nurse leaders**

Collaborating to Promote Leadership Development and Networking Opportunities for Nurses



“Joining VONL has really enhanced my contacts with Nursing Leaders and nurses involved in education across the state at many levels and increased my nursing network.”

Marilyn Rinker, Department Head, Nursing, Norwich University



Vermont Organization of Nurse Leaders Vermont's Recognized Voice of Nursing Leadership

When is a nurse performing at his or her best? At a patient's bedside? During a consult with other healthcare professionals? Educating nursing students? When overseeing a department? While teaching a lesson to schoolchildren? Preparing a community disaster drill? Presenting expert testimony in a court of law... or planning hospital budgets?

The Vermont Organization of Nurse Leaders (VONL) believes that nurses provide leadership whenever we combine our diverse talents and work as one for the good of our profession, our patients and others throughout our state. As a strong, unified voice, VONL promotes leadership development and networking opportunities for leaders in all aspects of nursing – from patient care, to administration, to specialty roles in law, education and more.



A Rich History of Nursing Leadership Development in Vermont

Since VONL was established in 1996, our organization has been instrumental in influencing progress in the field of nursing, both in the state of Vermont and in the healthcare industry. Our vision is for VONL to be the recognized voice of Nursing Leadership in Vermont.

“My membership in VONL develops me as a nurse, keeps me in contact with my peers, and allows me to contribute to the greater good of nursing.”

*Kathleen C. Keleher CNM, MPH, Vermont Department of Health,
Asst. Director of Nursing/MCH Specialist*

Demonstrating Core Values that Enrich Us as Nursing Professionals and Enhance the Nursing Profession

VONL works to promote positive change in our profession, and creates numerous opportunities for the success of nurses, hospitals & other healthcare organizations in Vermont and the region.



Six Equally Important Core Values Influence all VONL Actions:

Leadership

Taking actions that allow those with whom we come into contact – nurses, physicians and other healthcare providers – to benefit and thrive

Mentorship

Providing an inspiring role model for nursing students, peers and others

Professionalism

Setting a high standard for behavior within and contributions to work, community, and patient care settings

Collaboration

Partnering with other professionals to optimize knowledge, experience and resources...for the greater good

Innovation

Generating creative ideas and solutions to propel the nursing profession forward

Excellence

Committing ourselves consistently to exemplary behaviors, actions and goals

Together, these values make it possible for VONL to work continually toward achieving our organization's strategic objective:

To Provide Value to Nurse Leaders in All Settings

“VONL's core values guide my daily activities at work, which improves my performance and sets a high standard for my co-workers.”

*Susan E. Nicholls, RN, Director of Medical Services,
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont*

Join VONL to Expand Your Leadership Skills, Your Network of Colleagues, and More

When you join the Vermont Organization of Nurse Leaders, you count yourself among the state's most experienced nursing professionals. Complete and return an application form today to enjoy all the benefits of VONL membership.

Membership Eligibility

Membership is open to all RNs who are either in leadership positions or aspire to be leaders in their chosen specialization. Our current membership includes nurses from many settings – inpatient care, community and public health, nurse managers and administrators, chief nursing officers, nurse lawyers, nurse educators and many others.

Your Benefits as a VONL Member

As a VONL member, you will enjoy collaborating with other nursing professionals on initiatives that have an influential voice in the nursing profession in Vermont.

VONL provides, to all its members:

- Networking opportunities, including regular meetings and an annual conference
- Leadership development and education
- A mechanism for influencing public policy
- A forum for discussion of pertinent issues
- A vehicle for advocacy in health care.



Additional VONL Leadership Opportunities

Nurses interested in leadership roles within VONL are encouraged to increase their level of active participation by serving as officers or committee members.

Biannual 2 year term elections are held for president, secretary and treasurer.

Committee members. All VONL members are invited to join the nominating, public policy, membership, education, public relations/communications and ad hoc committees that suit their special talents and interests. Chairs of active committees are also members of the VONL executive committee.

How to Apply

Complete the membership application below, and mail it, along with a check for dues of \$75, to: Vermont Organization of Nurse Leaders, 148 Main St., Montpelier, VT 05602. Applicants joining after July 1st will not be billed for the following year's dues.

Name _____

Title _____

Work Address _____

Work Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Describe Major Areas of Responsibility _____

Do you have any interest in serving on any of the following committees?

Public Policy Yes No

Membership Yes No

Education Yes No

Research Yes No

PR/Communications Yes No

Do you have any prior experience that might be beneficial to any of these committees?

Yes No

Are you currently a member of the AONE? Yes No Pending

Signature _____ Date _____

“Since joining VONL, I’ve shared ideas and collaborated on projects with nurses across the state and the region. VONL has given me the opportunity to build a network of professional connections that have had a tremendous impact on my career.”

*Roseanne Palmer, RN Director, Critical Care Services,
Central Vermont Hospital*



Thank You for Your Interest in the Vermont Organization of Nurse Leaders

VONL welcomes new members throughout the year. To apply, please complete a membership application and submit it, along with a copy of your up-to-date resume or Curriculum Vitae and a check for current dues, to the address below.

If you have questions or would like more information,
please call 802.223.3461 or visit www.vahhs.org/vonl.htm

“I’ve been a member of VONL since the beginning, and I’m proud to say that I’ve seen positive changes in our profession as a direct result of our organization’s actions. VONL’s impact is tremendous.”

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