

5 FACTS ABOUT OADN'S COVID-19 NAT'L TASK FORCE

In Spring 2020, the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) formed a task force to aid the transformation of the teaching/learning process.

DIVERSITY IN MEMBERS

The task force comprises a diverse group of OADN members and stakeholders from across the country from both urban and rural areas. Regulation and accreditation organizations are also represented.

A GOAL TO MAINTAIN FOCUS

To create a repository of information for dissemination of identified tasks.

REARRANGING PRIORITIES AS NEEDED

The goal of the task force has not been altered since its inception. However, with the pandemic's ongoing impact, the group modified needed work to include:

1. Returning students to clinicals
2. Online teaching
3. Virtual simulation
4. Evidence to inform regulatory changes.

CONTINUING TO ADDRESS CONCERNS

Due to the pandemic's longevity, a major concern remains: How many simulation hours can replace clinical hours? The task force will continue helping educators develop strategies to address this.

SUGGESTING WAYS TO HELP

If you're struggling with online teaching, collaborate with an educator (not necessarily in nursing) who has experience and can guide or mentor you.