



Donna Meyer, MSN, RN, ANEF, FAADN  
CEO, Organization for Associate Degree Nursing

Donna Meyer's career spans over thirty- eight years in both practice and education. Her primary clinical background has been in pediatric nursing at St. Louis Children's Hospital. She began her academic career at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, Illinois as a nursing professor and progressed into the Director of the program and ultimately became the Dean of Health Sciences. In March, 2016 she was given the distinguished honor of Professor Emerita. Additionally, she served as the Director of the Lewis and Clark Family Health Clinic and mobile unit. The clinic is the only nurse managed primary care clinic operated by a community college. The clinic began operating in 2007 and has served over 150,000 clients through 2015. Additionally, she was responsible for working with then Senator Obama in 2007 to receive for funding of a mobile health unit to serve the rural communities. She is very engaged in numerous organizations, holding offices in both state and national organizations. Her professional nursing activities include: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Academic Progression in Nursing Advisory Board, the Nurses on Boards Coalition, the Institute of Medicine's Global Forum on Interprofessional Healthcare Education, the Illinois Center for Nursing Advisory Board, the American Association of Community Colleges Workforce Commission, the Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition for the IOM/Future of Nursing, National Nursing Centers Consortium Health Policy Committee, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. She has been responsible for securing over 12 million dollar in grants for the nursing program and clinic. Professor Meyer has received various awards for her work including the: MetLife Community College Excellence Award for Innovation, Illinois Nurses Association Innovation in Health Care Award, Illinois Community Administrators Award for Innovation, Illinois Nursing Pinnacle Leader of the Year, the Southern Illinois University Outstanding Nursing Alumni Award, the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award, and the Southern Illinois University Hall of Fame. She was inducted in 2015 to the National League of Nursing's Academy of Nurse Education. In November, 2016 she was inducted as an honorary fellow into the Academy for Associate Degree Nursing. She has presented at numerous national and international conferences, and completed research on the impact of a nurse managed center in the community college setting. Her publications focus on work related to academic progression. She completed her bachelor's, master's degree, and post-graduate work at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.

Donna has been involved with OADN at the national level since 2007 beginning as a Director for four years. She assumed the Presidency in 2011 for three years with her term ending in November 2014. She also served as the Illinois Chapter President. Under Donna's leadership OADN has formed numerous collaborations. In September 2012, after working closely with other national organizations she was one of five national leaders responsible for the release of the joint statement on nursing academic progression. In April 2014, she was the co-author of a paper organized by the Robert Wood Johnson on the importance of community college nursing programs and academic progression. Most recently, she worked with the Robert Wood Johnson Academic Progression in Nursing National Advisory Committee to release the recommendation for BSN Foundational Courses to assist community college nursing students in nursing academic progression. Numerous other partnerships have been formed including: American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Nurses Association, Center to Champion Nursing in American, Community College Baccalaureate Association, the National League for Nursing, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. On June 1, 2015 she officially began her tenure as OADN's CEO.