

In 2016, certified nurses will have a new method for ONCC certification renewal: the Individual Learning Needs Assessment (ILNA).

The ILNA method will combine an assessment of your current knowledge with completion of an individualized learning plan. Based on your identified learning needs, you'll complete professional development activities designed to strengthen your knowledge. By completing these activities, you'll earn points you can use for certification renewal.

Learn more about the ILNA renewal method.

Step 1: Complete Your Learning Needs Assessment

Early in your certification cycle (usually in January following your renewal) ONCC will provide you with the log-in information needed to complete the online learning needs assessment. It is important to complete the assessment as early in your cycle as possible. (If it's your first renewal after passing a test, you won't need to complete the assessment. You'll use your test score report to identify your learning plan.)

The learning needs assessment is free, and can be taken at your convenience at any computer with internet access. The results are confidential and will be seen only by you and ONCC.

The assessment is based on the subjects on the current certification test blueprint. It's not a test. The purpose of the assessment is to provide information on areas in which you need further professional development in order to renew your certification.

Step 2: Review Your Assessment Results

You'll receive the results of your assessment almost immediately, before you log off from the assessment. The results will identify the subject areas and number of professional development points you'll need to renew your certification.

All candidates will be required to earn at least 25 points for renewal. Most candidates are expected to need far fewer points than were required for renewal in the past. Candidates who perform well on all areas of the



assessment will be able to choose the subject areas in which to earn points for renewal.

Step 3: Earn ILNA Points

After you complete the assessment or pass the certification test you can begin earning points for renewal by completing professional development activities. Depending on when you complete the assessment or pass the test, you may have almost 4 years in which to earn points. The earlier you complete the assessment, the more time you'll have to earn points.

ILNA points can be earned through your choice of Continuing Nursing Education (CNE), Continuing Medical Education (CME), Academic Education, Presentations, and Publications. You can choose the type of activity; just be sure the content matches the subject(s) identified on your learning needs assessment or test score report.

The number of ILNA points awarded will depend on the learning activity. For example, one contact hour of CNE or CME will be equal to one ILNA point.

Step 4: Apply for Renewal

When it's time to renew your certification, you'll submit an application, renewal fee, and logs documenting completion of your learning activities – your ILNA points. ONCC staff will compare the logs you submit to your assessment results to verify you've completed your learning plan.

What are the Advantages of Renewing by the ILNA Method?

- **It's risk-free.** The assessment is free, you can't fail, and your results are confidential. Regardless of how you perform on the assessment, you can renew your certification by the ILNA method. There's nothing to lose, and valuable information to be gained.
- **It's convenient.** You can complete the assessment almost anywhere you have a computer and internet access—including your home or work—on your schedule.
- **It makes learning meaningful.** ILNA helps you identify areas where you'll benefit from professional development and strengthen your oncology nursing knowledge.
- **It's efficient.** The ILNA method makes good use of your professional development resources—including your time and money—by allowing you to complete fewer, yet more meaningful learning activities.
- **It validates what you know.** By identifying your knowledge strengths, the ILNA method validates the areas in which you've maintained current knowledge.



Notes for AOCN® and CPON® Renewal Candidates

The ILNA method cannot be used for AOCN® and CPON® certification renewal, because there is no current test blueprint on which to base an assessment. AOCN® and CPON® candidates will be able to renew their credentials by submitting a minimum of 100 points. For AOCN® candidates, at least 65 points must be of oncology content. For CPON® candidates, at least 80 of the points must be of pediatric content, and at least 50 of pediatric oncology content.

Candidates Who Don't Complete the Assessment

The learning needs assessment will be available to OCN®, CPHON®, AOCNP®, AOCNS®, and CBCN® candidates who will be due for a second or subsequent renewal after passing a test. Renewal candidates who do not complete the assessment will not have identified their learning needs, and therefore cannot complete a learning plan based on those needs. These candidates may renew certification by submitting 100 points, according to the weighting of the subjects on the test blueprint, or by successfully retesting.

Eligibility for Renewal

Regardless of the renewal method you plan to use, you must meet the eligibility criteria for certification renewal. Eligibility criteria for each credential can be found at www.oncc.org.

Learn much more about the ILNA renewal method at www.oncc.org/ILNA.



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