

Certification Renewal 2012 - 2015

All ONCC certifications are valid for four years. Renewal candidates must have a current, active, unrestricted RN license. In addition, renewal candidates must meet two of three components required to recertify. These components include:

- Practice hours (the number of hours required varies depending on the credential)
- Professional development points, known as the Oncology Nursing Certification Points Renewal Option (ONC-PRO). The number of ONC-PRO points required varies depending on the credential
- Successful retesting

Currently, there are three options for recertification based on combinations of the components above:

- **Option 1:** Practice hours + ONC-PRO
- **Option 2:** Practice hours + Successful retesting
- **Option 3:** ONC-PRO + Successful retesting

Application Deadline Dates

Candidates must apply for certification renewal by the application deadline date, which is several months before certification expires. For nurses renewing by Option 1, the application deadline date is usually September 15 of the year renewal is due. For those renewing by Option 2 or 3, deadlines are earlier.

For more information about current renewal options, refer to www.oncc.org/Renew.

Important! Beginning in 2016, ONCC will use the Individual Learning Needs Assessment (ILNA) renewal method. The ILNA method will require renewal candidates to earn professional development points based on their performance on a learning needs assessment or their examination score report. Please see www.oncc.org/ILNA for more information about renewing by the ILNA method.

ONC-PRO Point Requirements 2012 - 2015

	OCN®	CPON®	AOCN®, AOCNP®, AOCNS®	CBCN®	CPHON®
Total Points Required (Renewal Option 1 and Option 3)	100 (at least 65 in oncology)	100 (at least 80 must be in pediatrics; at least 50 must be in pediatric oncology)	125 (at least 75 must be in oncology)	100 (at least 65 in breast care)	100 (at least 80 must be in pediatrics; at least 50 must be in pediatric hematology/oncology)
Point Limits					
Continuing Medical Education*	no more than 50	no more than 50	no more than 62.5	no more than 50	no more than 50
Precepting*/ Volunteer Service*	no more than 20 points, combined	no more than 20 points, combined	no more than 25 points, combined	no more than 20 points, combined	no more than 20 points, combined
*These categories are not required					

ONC-PRO Point Categories

ONC-PRO points may be earned in up to seven categories. You do not have to earn points in every category. The following offers a quick look at what qualifies for points in each category:

- **Continuing Nursing Education** – programs must have been provided or formally approved for contact hours by an accredited provider or approver of continuing nursing education. A list of acceptable approvers/providers can be found on the ONCC Web site.
- **Continuing Medical Education** – programs must have been formally approved for CME hours
- **Academic Education** – courses that are required for a nursing major or that address the biopsychosocial knowledge base of professional human service, provided by accredited colleges or universities
- **Publications** – publication of oncology, pediatric oncology or breast care content in books, journals, professional newsletters, or electronic media

- **Presentations** – presentations of oncology, pediatric oncology, or breast care content made to nurses, other healthcare providers, or the public
- **Precepting** – service as a preceptor for students enrolled in academic programs
- **Volunteer Leadership Service** – volunteer leadership service to professional healthcare organizations

More details are available at www.oncc.org/Renew/ONC-PRO. Restrictions may apply.

Important! In 2016, ONCC will begin using the Individual Learning Needs Assessment (ILNA) renewal method. ILNA point categories will be similar to ONC-PRO point categories, but will not include Precepting and Volunteer Service. Please see the ILNA information at www.oncc.org/ILNA for details about points that will be acceptable for renewal by the ILNA method, and when you can begin to earn points.

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ONC-PRO Points Accrual Period

ONC-PRO points may be earned beginning January 1 of the current certification period, through the date you apply for renewal, provided you didn't use those points for a previous renewal by ONC-PRO. For example, if you are renewing certification in 2013, you may submit points earned beginning January 1, 2009. All points must be earned by the final ONC-PRO application deadline.

Examples of ONC-PRO Point Values

The number of ONC-PRO points awarded for professional development activities varies. The following are examples of point values for common activities; specific point values for other activities can be found in the booklet, *Understanding Your Oncology Nursing Certification Renewal Options*, and on the ONCC Web site at www.oncc.org/Renew

- **Continuing Nursing Education (CNE)**
1 Contact Hour = 1 ONC-PRO Point
- **Continuing Medical Education (CME)**
1 CME Hour = 1 ONC-PRO Point
- **Academic Education**
1 credit = 15 ONC-PRO Points
- **Publications**
Original journal article, co-author, published in a peer-review journal = 10 ONC-PRO Points (divided by the number of co-authors)
- **Presentations**
1 contact hour of presentation = 3 ONC-PRO Points
- **Precepting**
100 hours per semester = 5 ONC-PRO Points
- **Volunteer Leadership Service**
1 year of service = 5 ONC-PRO Points

ONC-PRO Point Logs

When you apply for renewal by Option 1 or Option 3, you will need to submit ONC-PRO Logs. The logs are a record of the ONC-PRO points you've earned. Electronic ONC-PRO Logs can be created, maintained, and submitted online at www.oncc.org. Blank copies of paper logs also can be printed from the ONCC Web site, and submitted by mail or fax.

Your Responsibilities

Keep documentation of ONC-PRO points you earn, (e.g., CNE certificates, academic grade reports, copies of programs that list you as a presenter). You may need to provide copies of this documentation if there are questions about your application, or if your application is selected for audit.

Apply for certification renewal by the application deadline date. ONCC will send you several notices about renewal deadlines. However, because delivery cannot be guaranteed, it is your responsibility to ensure that your renewal application is received by ONCC prior to the deadline date.

Also, notify ONCC immediately if you change your name, address, or email address while you're certified. Most communications from ONCC will be via email, so it's important to frequently check your email, including junk mail and spam folders.

More Information

Additional information about renewing your certification, including current certification policies, can be obtained from the ONCC Web site or by contacting ONCC.

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