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Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation to Launch Breast Care Certification

Pittsburgh, PA – July 27, 2007 – The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) has announced it will offer a Breast Care Certification program beginning in 2009. According to Carlton G. Brown, PhD, APRN, AOCN[®], president of the ONCC Board of Directors, “Breast Care certification will meet a need that has been clearly expressed to ONCC by oncology nurses who practice in this subspecialty. The mission of ONCC is to provide certification to enhance patient care and professional practice, and the addition of this program will further that mission.”

The Certified Breast Care Nurse (CBCN) examination will be available in early 2009. To be eligible to take the test, candidates must have:

- Current, active, unrestricted RN license at the time of application and examination, and
- Minimum of one year (12 months) of experience as an RN within the three years (36 months) prior to application, and
- Minimum of 1,000 hours of breast care practice within the two and one-half years (30 months) prior to application, and
- Completion of a minimum of 10 contact hours of continuing education in breast care nursing within the 3 years (36 months) prior to application.

Nurses who are successful in completing the multiple-choice examination will be awarded the CBCN credential. CBCN certification will be valid for four years.

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According to Cynthia Miller Murphy, MSN, RN, CAE, Executive Director of ONCC, "A diverse group of experts in breast care nursing is currently working to define the content of the examination to ensure it matches current breast care practice. The content will be published in the form of a test blueprint on the ONCC web site in 2008."

ONCC, currently offers basic-level certification programs in both adult and pediatric oncology, and role-specific advanced-level certification for oncology nurse practitioners and oncology clinical nurse specialists.

ONCC, an affiliated organization of the Oncology Nursing Society, administers and evaluates programs for certification in oncology nursing.

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