About ONCC

The mission of ONCC is to promote excellence in patient care and professional practice by validating specialized knowledge in oncology nursing and related specialties. All ONCC certifications with active examinations are nationally accredited.

8 Certifications Available

- **OCN®** (Oncology Certified Nurse) — basic level certification focusing on adult care
- **CPHON®** (Certified Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurse) — basic level certification in pediatric hematology/oncology nursing
- **AOCNP®** (Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner) — role-specific certification for nurse practitioners in adult oncology
- **AOCNS®** (Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist) — role-specific certification for clinical nurse specialists in adult oncology
- **CBCN®** (Certified Breast Care Nurse) — comprehensive certification for nurses who practice in breast care nursing
- **BMTCN™** (Blood & Marrow Transplant Certified Nurse) — comprehensive certification in blood and marrow stem cell transplantation nursing
- **AOCN®** (Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse) — advanced certification in adult oncology (available for renewal only)
- **CPON®** (Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse) — basic level certification in pediatric oncology nursing (available for renewal only)

Certified nurses must meet specific eligibility criteria for nursing experience and specialty practice, and pass a rigorous multiple-choice examination. Certifications granted by ONCC are valid for four years and may be renewed by a combination of specialty practice hours, professional development activities or retesting.

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References
**What is certification?**

- Formal recognition of specialized knowledge, skills and experience
- Helps develop specialty nursing by creating minimum competency standards
- Proves that standards have been achieved
- Assurance that a nurse has completed all eligibility requirements to earn a specific credential

**What does certification offer?**

- Personal and professional rewards
- Increased confidence in your clinical abilities
- Enhanced professional credibility and a validation of knowledge
- An indication of your experience and qualifications to patients

**How do employers benefit?**

- Assists in recruiting and retaining highly qualified nurses by increasing job satisfaction
- Distinguishes employers in the healthcare marketplace
- Factors into recognition granted by accrediting agencies or distinction by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Magnet Recognition Program®

Certification in oncology makes a difference because it demonstrates knowledge beyond an RN license.

**How to become certified:**

1. Find out if you meet all eligibility criteria.
2. Choose the ONCC certification that suits your experience and/or role.
3. Apply online at www.oncc.org.
4. Schedule an appointment to take the test, if confirmed as eligible.

Questions? Contact customer service at oncc@oncc.org or 877-769-ONCC (6622).

In a survey, certified nurses scored higher than non-certified nurses on knowledge of oncology symptoms.¹

On average, specialty-certified nurses earn over $7 more per hour than non-certified nurses.²

97% of nurses said certification provides personal satisfaction.³

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Certification in oncology nursing is also recommended by the Association of Community Cancer Centers’ Cancer Program Guidelines, the American College of Radiation Oncology, the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, and the Commission on Cancer Program Standards.

For more information on how employers can support certified nurses, visit www.oncc.org.