You know you need to earn points for certification renewal, but how many and what kind? Use one of these two resources to find the number of points you need for renewal*. 

1. Test results report – Use this for your first renewal after passing a test.

2. Assessment results report – After you renew your certification the first time after passing the test, you’ll take the individual learning needs assessment before each subsequent renewal to determine the number of points you need for your next renewal.

The test results report or the assessment results report identify the **number of points** you need for renewal, and the broad **subject areas** where you may earn points. The report lists the subject areas covered by your credential – such as treatment, symptom management, survivorship, professional performance, etc. It indicates whether points are required or optional in each area. Knowing the number of points you need and the subject areas where you may earn points will help you plan your professional development.

*AOCN®, AOCNS® and CPON® certified nurses – see the information inside.
Where can you find CE programs that are acceptable for renewal points?

Many providers offer continuing education (CE) programs, journal articles, or in-person CE events. You are not required to earn points from any specific provider. However, the CE programs must be approved for contact hours by an accredited approver/provider of continuing education activities. Some of the more common CE approvers include the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and state nurses associations. You can find the full list of acceptable approvers/providers at www.oncc.org/resource-center/ce.

You’ll find the biggest selection of CE offerings online – many providers offer free or low-cost CE programs. If you don’t like online learning, you can find CE articles in many nursing and medical journals. Also, look for CE events from ONS or APHON chapters, hospital education departments, or professional organizations. Check out ONCC’s Big Lists of Free CE for offerings. Go to www.oncc.org and search "Big List".

Keep in mind you can also earn points for renewal by completing academic education, publishing oncology content, or making professional presentations. Learn more at www.oncc.org/ILNA.

Examples of CE Providers

Here are a few examples of providers that offer online CE opportunities.

- ASCO® and ASCO University®
- Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses
- Homestead Schools
- inPractice®
- i3Health
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Medscape
- Mycme.com
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network
- NetCE
- Nurse.com
- Nurses Learning Network
- Oncology Nurse Advisor
- Oncology Nursing Society
- PearlsReview.com
- Pri-Med
- Prime Oncology
- Projects in Knowledge
- RN.com
- Western Schools
- Wild Iris Medical Education

Note: These are examples of CE providers — you are not required to use these providers.
Here’s how.

First, look at the course title, content outline/description, and the objectives/learning outcomes. Then ask yourself these questions:

**What is this offering generally about?** For example: is it about treatment? Survivorship? Screening? Decide what an offering is about at a **high-level**, then look for that concept on your credential’s content outline (i.e., Test Blueprint). The major subject areas are broad—look at the subtopics listed within each.

**How many points can I claim?** One contact hour of CE equals one ILNA point. For example: a program that awards 2 contact hours is worth 2 ILNA Points.

**Which subject area do I choose if a program applies to more than one subject?** Many CE offerings cover multiple topics. For example: a program on treatment might also address symptom management. If the program is 4 contact hours or less, choose one of the applicable subject areas to apply the points. In this case, either Treatment OR Symptom Management.

If the offering is worth more than 4 contact hours, estimate the amount of content in each subject area. For example: a 6 contact hour program on biotherapy may cover treatment and symptom management. Approximately two-thirds of the program appears to be about treatment, and one-third is about symptom management. Apply 4 points to treatment and 2 points to symptom management. Look at the program outline/schedule to estimate how much content applies in each area.

**For large CE offerings, such as a conferences or online courses:** First look to see if the provider indicates the ILNA points for the offering. ONCC also has lists of ILNA Points that can be used for many conferences and popular CE offerings. Find them on the ONCC website at www.oncc.org/ILNA.

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**EXAMPLE:**

6 contact hour program
- Addresses treatment and symptom management

2/3 is about treatment
1/3 is about symptom management

4 points = treatment
2 points = symptom management

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**AOCN®, AOCNS® and CPON® certified nurses:**
Because the AOCN®, AOCNS® and CPON® tests are no longer offered, there is no learning needs assessment for these programs. You can renew your credential by earning 50 ILNA Points by completing continuing education, academic education, publications or presentations. The CE must be approved for contact hours by an acceptable accredited approver/provider of continuing education.

**AOCN® certified nurses:** 50 points are required in adult oncology.

**CPON® certified nurses:** 50 points are required in pediatric oncology.

**AOCNS® certified nurses:** Complete your current learning plan. Future renewals will require 50 points in adult oncology.

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ONCC has helpful resources at www.oncc.org/ILNA including lists of ILNA points for major educational conferences and online CE programs and Content Outlines to help you identify the subtopics in each of the subject areas on your learning plan.
If you're planning to renew, there's a 95% chance you'll find this renewal information useful.

95% of ONCC renewal candidates renew their certification by using professional development points.

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