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Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) Programs Accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)

Pittsburgh, PA – March 30, 2015 – ONCC is pleased to announce the NCCA has re-accredited its Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN[®]), Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse (AOCNP[®]), Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS[®]), Certified Breast Care Nurse (CBCN[®]), and Certified Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurse (CPHON[®]) programs for a five-year period, expiring April 31, 2020. In addition, the NCCA granted initial accreditation to ONCC's Blood and Marrow Transplant Certified Nurse Program (BMTCN[™]), also for a five-year period.

ONCC is a professional certification organization acting in the public interest by establishing and enforcing education, examination, experience and ethics requirements for certification of nurses practicing in oncology and related specialties. Currently, more than 36,000 nurses are certified by ONCC.

According to ONCC President, Lauri Linder, PhD, APRN, CPON[®], "ONCC is committed to providing the highest quality certification programs. Accreditation by the NCCA validates that ONCC adheres to rigorous criteria designed to protect the public through nurse certification. The availability of high quality, accredited nurse certification programs is vital in today's healthcare environment."

ONCC first received NCCA accreditation in 2000. It has maintained continuous accreditation of its credential programs since then. Accreditation is granted to programs that meet or exceed the NCCA's Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs. NCCA is the accrediting body of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (formerly the National Organization for Competency Assurance). Since 1977, the NCCA has been accrediting certifying programs based on the highest quality standards in professional certification to ensure the programs adhere to modern standards of practice in the certification industry. To view the standards visit <http://www.credentialingexcellence.org/ncca/ncca.htm>.

There are 254 NCCA accredited programs that certify individuals in a wide range of professions and occupations including nurses, financial professionals, respiratory therapists, counselors, emergency technicians, crane operators and more.

The mission of ONCC is to promote excellence in patient care and professional practice by validating specialized knowledge in oncology nursing and related specialties. NCCA was founded as a commission whose mission is to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of certification programs that assess professional competence. Learn more about ONCC at oncc.org.

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