

Radiation Oncology Certified Nurse (ROCN[™])

Coming Soon

The Radiation Oncology Certified Nurse (ROCN[™]) certification is for registered nurses who practice radiation therapy – whether in clinical practice, nursing administration, education, research, or consultation with adult or pediatric patients.



ELIGIBILITY FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION

- A current, active, unencumbered license as a registered nurse in the U.S., its territories, or Canada at the time of application and examination, and
- A minimum of two years (24 months) of experience as an RN within the four years (48 months) prior to application, and
- A minimum of 2,000 hours of radiation oncology nursing practice within the four years (48 months) prior to application, and
- Completed a minimum of 10 contact hours* of nursing continuing education in radiation oncology nursing or an academic elective in radiation oncology nursing within three years (36 months) prior to application. The contact hours must have been provided or formally approved by an acceptable accredited provider or approver of continuing nursing education (CNE) or nursing continuing professional development (NCPD).

**Up to five (50%) of the 10 required contact hours in radiation may be continuing medical education (CME) or continuing pharmacy education (CPE). Continuing education accredited via Joint Accreditation/Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) must specify hours awarded by ANCC, ACCME, or ACPE, to be accepted by ONCC.*

General information and the test content outline are available on the ONCC website at www.oncc.org/radiation-oncology-certified-nurse-rocn-coming-soon. Application information will be emailed to the target audience for this certification program in fall 2025.

Certification Examination Availability and Cost

This new program will first be offered via a BETA exam. This process will include post-exam administration analysis of item performance for all test questions and determination of the passing score. Therefore, BETA candidates will not receive immediate test results. A discounted application fee will be offered for BETA candidates.

Beta Examination:

Tentatively Available December 2025

- Initial version of the exam; Available in PSI testing centers in a limited-time window.
- Delayed exam pass/fail results due to required analysis of beta test form.
- Discounted Beta Application Fee: ONS/APHON Member: \$150; Non-member: \$210
- Not available via FreeTake® or with DoubleTake.
- Not available for candidates outside the U.S., its territories, or Canada.

Regular Examination:

Tentatively Available Winter 2026

- Standard version of the exam; Available in PSI testing centers year-round.
- Instant exam pass/fail results.
- Application Fee: ONS/APHON Member: \$300; Non-member: \$420
- Available via FreeTake® or with DoubleTake.
- Available for candidates outside the U.S., its territories, or Canada on a limited basis.

2022 SURVEY

93%

of respondents agreed that certification increased their depth of knowledge

96%

agreed that certification enhances the feeling of personal accomplishment

BENEFITS

Certification means feeling more confident knowing you're providing your patients the best care possible with the latest body of knowledge in cancer-care treatment.

Certification means you are seen as an important member of the cancer-care team.

Certification means the potential to earn more and have greater appeal to employers.

Certification is waiting for you at **oncc.org**

Note: This program will not be eligible for accreditation until one year of testing is completed.

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