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<NAME>, <CREDENTIALS>, <TITLE>, at the <PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT> recently passed the Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AOCNP[®]) Examination administered by the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC). There are now more than 1,100 AOCNP[®]-certified nurses.

<PARAGRAPH ABOUT NURSE'S BACKGROUND, EDUCATION, HONORS, AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION>

The AOCNP[®] Examination tests knowledge that is vital for an oncology nurse to function competently as an adult oncology nurse practitioner. AOCNP[®] certification is available to nurses who meet specific requirements for nursing licensure; a graduate degree from an accredited NP program; recent clinical practice as an NP in adult oncology; and who have recently completed at least 30 hours of oncology continuing nursing education or a graduate level oncology course. Two eligibility pathways provide for multiple combinations of education and oncology practice to meet the eligibility criteria.

ONCC introduced advanced oncology nursing certification at the 1995 ONS Congress in Anaheim, California. Two hundred nineteen advanced practice registered nurses passed the first AOCN[®] Test. ONCC offered the AOCNP[®] Test for the first time in January 2005.

AOCNP[®] Examinations are offered year-round at nearly 300 computer-based testing locations throughout North America, and once per year at selected international sites. More information about advanced certification and the AOCNP[®] Test is available at www.oncc.org.

The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation develops, administers and evaluates programs for certification in oncology nursing. The mission of ONCC is to promote excellence in patient care and professional practice by validating specialized knowledge in oncology nursing and related specialties.