



Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation

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<NAME>, <CREDENTIALS>, <TITLE>, at the <PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT> recently passed the Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS[®]) Examination administered by the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC). There are now more than 350 AOCNS[®]-certified nurses. These nurses consist of clinical nurse specialists, educators, administrators, consultants, and researchers in adult oncology nursing.

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

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

Certification for advanced oncology nursing was introduced at the 1995 ONS Congress in Anaheim, California, where 219 advanced practice registered nurses passed the first AOCN[®] Test. ONCC offered the AOCNS[®] Test for the first time in January 2005.

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

The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation, an allied corporation of the Oncology Nursing Society, 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.