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<NAME>, <CREDENTIALS>, <TITLE>, at the <PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT> recently passed the Blood and Marrow Transplant Certified Nurse (BMTCN™) Examination administered by the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC). There are now more than 300 BMTCN™ certified nurses. These registered nurses consist of staff nurses, clinicians, educators, and managers in blood and marrow transplantation nursing. BMTCN™ is the only blood and marrow transplant certification that is available exclusively to registered nurses, and validates the specialized knowledge necessary for blood and marrow transplantation nursing practice.

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

The BMTCN™ Examination tests the knowledge necessary for the nurse to practice competently within the specialty of blood and marrow transplantation nursing, from basic concepts and indications for transplantation, to pre-transplant care, preparative regimens and stem cell infusion, post-transplant issues, and survivorship. Blood and marrow transplant certification is available to nurses who have:

- a current, active, unencumbered RN licensure
- a minimum of 12 months of experience as an RN within the three years prior to application
- a minimum of 1,000 hours of BMT nursing practice within the two-and-one-half years prior to application, and
- completed a minimum of 10 hours of continuing education in the specialty of BMT

The BMTCN™ Examination is offered at nearly 300 computer-based testing sites in North America during quarterly testing intervals, and at selected international sites once per year. Information about the BMTCN™ 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.