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<NAME>, <CREDENTIALS>, <TITLE>, at the <PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT> recently passed the Certified Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurse (CPHON®) Examination administered by the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC). There are now more than 1,600 CPHON® certified nurses. These registered nurses consist of staff nurses, clinicians, educators, and managers.

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

The CPHON® Examination tests the knowledge necessary for the nurse to practice competently at the basic level within the specialty of pediatric hematology oncology nursing. Pediatric hematology oncology nursing certification is available to nurses who have:

- 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 pediatric hematology oncology 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 hematology oncology nursing or an academic elective in oncology nursing.

In 2010, ONCC added hematology to the examination for certification in pediatric oncology nursing to reflect current practice. The CPON® (Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse) Examination was retired, and the CPHON® examination became the mechanism to validate specialized knowledge in pediatric hematology/oncology. Currently, more than 1,200 nurses hold the CPON® credential.

The CPHON® Examination is offered via computer-based testing at nearly 300 locations throughout North America during quarterly testing intervals and at selected international sites once per year. Information about the CPHON® 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.