



## Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation

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<NAME>, <CREDENTIALS>, <TITLE>, at the <PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT> recently passed the Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN<sup>®</sup>) Examination administered by the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC). There are now more than 31,000 Oncology Certified Nurses (OCN<sup>®</sup>). These registered nurses consist of staff nurses, clinicians, educators, and managers.

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

The OCN<sup>®</sup> Examination tests the knowledge necessary for the nurse to practice competently at the basic level, within the specialty of adult oncology nursing. Oncology nursing 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 adult 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 oncology nursing or an academic elective in oncology nursing.

Certification for oncology nursing was introduced at the 1986 ONS Congress in Los Angeles, where 1,384 registered nurses passed the first examination. Since that time, more than 70,000 nurses have taken the examination.

The OCN<sup>®</sup> 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 OCN<sup>®</sup> Test is available at [www.oncc.org](http://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.