



## **Principles of Cancer Care: A Core Curriculum Review for Oncology Nursing Practice and The Certification Examination**

Monday, April 7, 2008  
Monday, April 14, 2008

Monday, August 4, 2008  
Tuesday, August 5, 2008

### **Course Overview**

Oncology Nursing Certification is the standard for today's oncology nurse<sup>1</sup>. Nursing certification is the process by which a nongovernmental agency validates, based on predetermined standards, an individual registered nurse's qualifications and knowledge of practice in a defined functional or clinical area of nursing. One purpose of nursing certification is to assure the public that the certified nurse has completed all eligibility criteria to earn a specific credential. A second purpose is to promote the development of specialty areas of nursing by establishing minimal competency standards and recognizing those who have met the standards. Several studies have identified certification as one of the variables that can lead to improved nursing care outcomes.

This course provides an overview to prepare nurses for the oncology nursing certification (OCN) exam. The content is divided into sections that are consistent with the major categories of both the test blueprint and the core curriculum. Attendance at this course does not guarantee successful completion of the OCN exam; however, strategies to enhance successful test taking are discussed.

For those who are not planning to take the certification examination this year, this course will provide an update and overview to enhance oncology nursing practice and will provide continuing education units that may be used to obtain recertification.

### **Course Faculty**

Faculty for this program include expert oncology nurses who are certified at both the basic (OCN), and advanced (AOCN) levels, as well as nurses certified in pediatric oncology nursing (CPON) through the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation.

### **Fee**

\$350. This includes handout materials.

### **Location and Time**

The course will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the first floor Auditorium of The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, 195 Little Albany Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

### **Accreditation**

This course has been approved by the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) for 13.8 contact hours of continuing education credits. The Oncology Nursing Society is accredited as an approver of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

<sup>1</sup>Joyce, M. (2000). President's Message. 2000 Certification Bulletin. ONCC.

## Objectives

Upon completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Discuss risk factors, prevention, and management utilizing the nursing process on:
  - Quality-of-life issues
  - Symptom management
  - Protective mechanisms
  - Gastrointestinal and urinary function
  - Cardiopulmonary function
  - Oncologic emergencies
- Discuss the scientific basis for practice
- Identify effective strategies for health promotion
- Discuss the professional aspects of the oncology nurse in the global healthcare context
- Identify test-taking strategies that optimize performance on the test

The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) offers certification tests in two formats: computer-based and pencil-and-paper. Computer-based tests are offered at more than 300 Prometric testing centers throughout North America during quarterly 12-day testing intervals (except Sunday). A paper-and-pencil test is offered once per year at a single location. Updated information is available online at Web site [www.oncc.org](http://www.oncc.org).

Registration for the two-day course **DOES NOT CONSTITUTE REGISTRATION FOR THE CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION.**

To register for the examination, contact:

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