



ONS Member Resource Guide



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Your Membership Powers the Future of Oncology Nursing

As the Chief Executive Officer of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), I am pleased to welcome you to ONS. You are part of a vibrant community of nurses committed to advancing cancer care through practice, education, research, and leadership. Whether you're new to ONS or have been with us for years, we are honored to stand alongside you in the meaningful work you do every day.

Looking to the future, ONS is committed to evolving alongside the oncology nursing profession by supporting your professional journey, amplifying your voice, and championing the critical role you play in cancer care. I'm excited to be leading ONS and grateful for the trust you place in us.

The Member Resource Guide is designed to help you make the most of your benefits from ONS, the Oncology Nursing Foundation (ONF), and the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC). Use the links throughout this guide to explore free or discounted nursing continuing professional development (NCPD) contact hours, connect with volunteer opportunities, grow your professional network, pursue or maintain certification, and access even more resources on the ONS website.

Thank you for your membership and your dedication to improving the lives of patients with cancer and their families.

Connect to Colleagues for Networking, Learning, and More

ONS Communities

In the ONS Communities you can connect with fellow oncology nursing professionals, participate in meaningful conversations, share experiences, and make a difference. This platform houses our volunteer portal, more than 20 topic-driven communities for ONS members, access for ONCC committees, ONS Chapters websites, and other connection opportunities.

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Clinical Help Desk and Knowledge Base

As an ONS member, you have exclusive access to the ONS clinical helpdesk and knowledge base for all your hands-on, clinical-based questions. A member of the ONS clinical team will get back to you in 1 to 3 business days, Monday–Friday.

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ONS Chapters

ONS Chapters provide oncology nurses a local professional network as you're advancing your career. Connecting is easy through the each chapter's ONS Communities website. Many chapters also partner with healthcare organizations to offer NCPD contact hours and dinner programs—making it easier to learn, grow, and connect. ONS has more than 200 chapters across the United States.

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International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care

When you become a member of ONS, you also become a member of the ISNCC.

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Connect with ONS and join the important conversations about oncology nursing and health care.



Continue Your Professional Development

Free and Discounted NCPD

Ongoing professional development is critical for nurses to stay at the forefront of practice and patient care. ONS gold-standard courses collectively offer more than 200 NCPD contact hours to help you learn more about the oncology nursing profession and delivering quality cancer care. Members can take advantage of discounted pricing for many ONS courses, and can earn even more free and discounted NCPD hours with webinars, podcasts, articles, and more to explore.

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Conferences and Events

ONS Conferences Are Your Ticket to Comprehensive Oncology Nursing Training

Network, learn, and grow in your practice through ONS conferences. Whether in person or virtual, our conferences provide resources, education, and contact hours for you to learn and earn while meeting your scheduling and learning needs. As an ONS member, you get an exclusive and significant discount on your conference registration price.

- ONS Congress®, our signature in-person event
- ONS Bridge™, our premier virtual conference
- Center for Advocacy and Health Policy Events

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Advocate for Oncology Nursing

Advocacy is one of ONS's core values and reflects the Society's dedication to supporting cancer-related public health, people with cancer, and the oncology nursing profession. No matter your role, position, or individual interests, you can participate in ONS's advocacy work.

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Sign Up For Health Policy Updates

Stay informed about the latest legislation affecting oncology nursing, discover ways to advocate for the profession, and gain access to educational advocacy webinars by signing up for updates from the ONS Center for Advocacy and Health Policy.

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Advance Your Career

ONS Career Center

Check out the newly updated ONS Career Center to view oncology nursing opportunities tailored to your skills and interests. It is your personalized career companion—offering expert tools to help you apply smarter, interview better, and climb higher.

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Emerging Leaders

Leadership Competencies

ONS's Leadership Competencies define the skills needed at the individual, group, and governance levels of leadership. You can use the extensive competencies to identify your particular areas for growth across several domains.

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Free Leadership Course

Every nurse is a leader and empowered to drive change in the health of our communities. Gain knowledge about the essentials of governance and other leadership qualities by becoming a board member: in your community, at your hospital, in your local ONS chapter, or on the ONS Board of Directors and other national and international organizations.

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Award-Winning Publications and Educational Resources

ONS members enjoy free subscriptions to award-winning oncology publications.

Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing (CJON)

Through CJON, ONS publishes clinically relevant, evidence-based content to ensure oncology nurses across diverse roles and practice settings can care for patients with cancer. Six times a year, articles found in *CJON* are used in NCPD activities and are available for two years after they are posted online.

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Oncology Nursing Forum (Forum)

ONS's premier research journal disseminates findings from oncology nursing science and fosters the translation of research evidence to practice—and with *Forum*'s continuous publishing model, articles are published on ons.org as soon as they are finalized. The *Forum* was inducted into the International Academy of Nursing Editors Nursing Journal Hall of Fame in 2025.

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ONS Huddle Cards

ONS Huddle Cards are a members-only resource that provide education in an easy-to-understand one-page resource. The cards focus on topics relevant to oncology nursing, and are great for quick review during change in shift huddles, in-services, or staff meetings.

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Insights and Information on Conducting Research

Access essential resources and information to support research, evidence-based practice, and quality improvement in your practice.

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ONS Voice™

The Society's monthly online magazine is dedicated to news, views, and advocacy and connects you with the latest information for patient care. *ONS Voice* received recognition from the AM&P Network's EXCEL Awards in 2023 and the Annual Awards for Publication Excellence (APEX) competition from 2023–2025.

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ONS Podcast: Where ONS Voices Talk Cancer

Bringing together the unique perspectives of subject matter experts, ONS's weekly podcast series delves into clinical conversations important to oncology. Many episodes offer free NCPD, so subscribe to the podcast and let the free credit hours come to you. The podcast received a silver AM&P Network EXCEL Award in the podcast series category in 2023.

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Get Involved, Expand Your Expertise

Volunteer Opportunities

Our organizations become stronger every time a volunteer chooses to share their time, skills, and expertise. There are numerous opportunities for you with varying time commitments and experience criteria. Take a moment to visit the list of current openings from ONS, ONF, and ONCC, and check back often. Some of the cyclical ONS volunteer opportunities are highlighted below:

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ONS Congress and ONS Bridge Content Planning Teams

Help plan, implement, and evaluate the sessions and events that address practice issues. Applications to participate in the planning teams will be posted in the ONS Communities volunteer opportunities when they are available.

Abstract Reviewers

Review and provide feedback on abstracts' overall success, as well as provide general reviewer comments. Applications to volunteer as an abstract reviewer will be posted in the ONS Communities volunteer opportunities when they are available.

ONS Congress Abstract Submissions

If your abstract is accepted for ONS Congress, you'll have the opportunity to share your work on a national scale and educate your nursing peers about your insights and improvements while also building your resume and polishing your presentation skills.

Institutional Pilot Testers

Provide invaluable feedback on ONS courses and help make improvements that benefit your fellow nursing professionals. Complete all aspects of ONS courses—read the content, review links, complete learning checkpoints, participate in discussions, and complete the post-test—to help guarantee future participants have a successful experience.

Leadership Opportunities

Share your leadership skills at the national level by applying to serve on the ONS Board of Directors or the Leadership Development Committee. Applications will be posted in the ONS Communities volunteer listings when they are available.

Contribute to an ONS Publication

Add to the collective knowledge of your profession by writing, reviewing, or editing for *CJON*, *Forum*, or other ONS resources like books, standards, and guidelines. Contact publishing@ons.org to find an opportunity that fits you.

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Grow Your Writing Portfolio with CJON's Mentorship Program

If you're a clinical nurse who would like to get published in a peer-reviewed journal for the first time—or if you're an experienced author interested in collaborating with novice authors—the *CJON* Writing Mentorship Program is right for you.

Share Your Perspective with ONS Voice

Do you have a nursing topic that you'd love to write about? Whether you're interested in writing a single article, series, or more, consider sharing your perspective and knowledge through *ONS Voice*. To submit topic suggestions, contact pubONSVoice@ons.org.

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ONS Awards

Each year, ONS grants prestigious recognition to oncology nurses, researchers, and employers who change lives and better their profession. Nominate a colleague or employee and give special notice to their work. Several awards are eligible for self-nominations, and most award winners receive travel reimbursement to attend ONS Congress.

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Earn Your Certification and Rise Above the Rest

Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) offers the premier oncology-specific, nationally accredited certification programs designed for RNs. ONS members can save \$120 on all certifications provided by the ONCC, including the widely recognized Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN[®]) credential. The savings apply to both exam and renewal fees.

Choose the Path That's Right for You

ONCC offers the following certifications to help you meet your patient's specific care needs:

- Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN[®])
- Certified Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurse (CPHON[®])
- Certified Breast Care Nurse (CBCN[®])
- Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Certified Nurse (TCTCN[™])
- Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AOCNP[®])
- Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS[®])*
- Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse (CPON[®])*
- Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse (AOCN[®])*

*Only available for maintaining and renewing an existing credential.

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Explore These Related Resources

Certification Checklist

Visit the link below for an easy, five-step checklist to help you achieve your ONCC certification.

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Review Resources

Try an ONCC Practice Test to simulate the test-taking experience.

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Emeritus Status

ONCC offers emeritus status so that even after retiring from practice, ONCC-certified nurses can showcase their knowledge and commitment to oncology nursing.

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Individual Learning Needs Assessment (ILNA)

Most ONCC-certified nurses renew their credentials after taking an ILNA and then completing professional development activities based on their learning needs.

Earn points for certification renewal by completing ONS's online courses and journal activities. With ONS and ONCC, we make earning and maintaining your professional certification easy!

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Oncology Nursing Foundation

Since 1981, the Oncology Nursing Foundation (ONF) has awarded more than \$34 million in awards, grants, and scholarships to meet the needs of oncology nurses in the areas of education, research, leadership, career development, mentorship, and chapter funding.

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Education

Applications are accepted annually from September 15 to February 1. Funding released after July 1 for fall semester expenses incurred after August 1.

- **Bachelor's scholarships:** \$3,000
- **Master's scholarships:** \$5,000
- **Doctoral scholarships:** \$7,500

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Leadership and Career Development

- ONS Congress Scholarships: Up to \$2,000 to apply toward ONS Congress registration and expenses. *Applications are accepted annually from September 15 to December 1.*
- Ceira Boyle Student Nursing ONS Congress Scholarship: Supports a student nurse who is pursuing a career in oncology nursing by providing the funding to attend ONS Congress. *Applications are accepted annually from September 15 to December 1.*
- Josh Gottheil TCTCN™ Career Development Award: Up to \$2,000 to fund attendance for professional development specific to transplant nursing. *Applications are accepted annually from February 15 to June 19.*
- Leadership Scholarships: Up to \$3,000 to apply toward registration fees to attend a leadership nursing continuing professional development program. *Applications are accepted annually from March 15 to September 15.*

- Wharton Nursing Leaders Program Scholarships: Up to \$8,000 to cover the registration fee for the Wharton Nursing Leaders Program. *Higher-level nurse managers who apply must already be accepted by the University of Pennsylvania to attend the program in order to be eligible. Applications are accepted annually from June 15 to August 15.*
- ONS Bridge Scholarships: Supports registered nurses by covering registration expenses to attend the ONS Bridge virtual conference. *Applications are accepted annually from May 1 to July 15.*

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Sustain the Future of Cancer Care

Your donation to the ONF, a national public, nonprofit, tax-exempt, charitable organization, helps to fund continuing education, leadership development, wellness initiatives, and research for and by oncology nurses, ensuring that nurses will continue to improve the lives of patients with cancer.

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Advancing The Future of Oncology Nursing

ONF invites you to join our Compassionate Champions Club—a simple, meaningful way to make a lasting difference. Monthly giving provides consistent support for oncology nurses, helping to advance care, inspire innovation, and strengthen the profession for generations to come.

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Student Members Join ONS for Free

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As a nursing student, your course load is full and money may be tight. We're here to help you navigate your career path, expand your knowledge, and help to prepare you for a transition from student to professional. Membership gives you the confidence and skills to make a difference in the life of every patient you encounter throughout your career. Your free membership includes the following benefits at no additional cost.

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Free Access to ONS Cancer Basics™ Course

As a student member, you can take our ONS Cancer Basics course (value of \$90) for free. Enter code **STDNTCB** at checkout.

This introductory-level course prepares nurses new to oncology or in non-oncology settings to provide quality care to patients receiving chemotherapy. View instructions on how to register for membership, and then access the course to get started.

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Membership in a Local ONS Chapter

Attend local ONS chapter meetings, meet fellow oncology nurses, and learn from their experiences. Involvement with your local chapter is a great way to improve cancer care within your specialty and local community.

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ONS Communities

The ONS Communities has a new look and enhanced features! Sign in to your member account to share ideas and ask questions of other oncology nurses. There is a community dedicated to student ONS members; log in and introduce yourself.

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Scholarships and Awards

Advancing your knowledge enhances your ability to provide excellent care to your patients. To help you defer the cost of additional courses and certifications, ONS offers a wide variety of awards and scholarships so you can expand your education.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What Is The Expiration Date For My Membership?

A: Your membership expires 12 months from your join or renew date. Your membership expiration can be found on your official ONS membership card, located on your ONS account. You may also contact customer relations at 866-257-4ONS for verification.

Q: How Do I Renew My Membership?

A: Renew online at ons.org/join-renew or by contacting customer relations at 866-257-4ONS. On the online membership application, be sure to select membership autorenewal to ensure continued access to your important member benefits.

Q: Can I Renew My Membership Before It Expires?

A: You can renew your membership at any time throughout the year. Your expiration date will simply be extended by an additional 12 months.

Q: Where Can I Find My ONS Member ID?

A: Your ONS member ID is located in several different places.

- The confirmation email sent when you join or renew your membership
- Your ONS account online
- Your official ONS membership card
- Your membership renewal notice
- Your ONS/ONCC Chemotherapy Immunotherapy certificate and provider card and renewal notices
- ONS NCPD certificates
- Directly above your name and address on the mailing label on your CJON mailing

Q: How Do I Reset My Password?

A: Follow the account recovery steps below:

1. Go to ons.org.
2. Click Login in the upper right of the screen.
3. Click the Forgot Password link next to the orange Login button.
4. To locate your account, enter the email address or phone number on your CONTACT account and click Find Your Account.
5. A list of email addresses and phone numbers from your account will display. Choose an email address or cellphone number to receive your password reset code. Click Send Code.
6. A six-digit code will be sent to your contact selection.
7. Enter your six-digit code and select Submit Code.
8. Enter your new password.

Q: How Do I Register For a Course?

A: Visit the ONS [professional development](#) page; select a course to purchase; add it to your cart; and check out.

Q: When Will My Course Start, and How Do I Access It?

A: All ONS courses are on demand and available to the learner immediately upon successful course registration at courses.ons.org. If you need assistance accessing your course, email help@ons.org or call 866-257-4ONS.

Q: Where Do I Find Information About My Certification Renewal?

A: To learn more about certification renewal, visit oncc.org. If you require further assistance, contact ONCC toll free at 877-769-6622 (U.S. and Canada callers only) or email oncc@ons.org.



**ONS would like to thank these companies
for their contributions to oncology nursing.**



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Tier 2: Astellas • Daiichi-Sankyo • Eisai • Gilead • Lilly

Tier 1: Johnson & Johnson • Jazz Pharmaceuticals • Kite

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<https://www.ons.org/marketing-opportunities>