



**Oncology Nursing
Society**

Certification Percentage Toolkit

Promoting ONCC Certification

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- [Certification Renewal Manual](#)
- [Certification Test Registration Manual](#)
- [Printable Certification Flyer](#)



Success Metric: Certification Percentage

This toolkit provides information on the *Certification Percentage* success metric. **To complete this metric, at least 10% of the chapter's current membership must hold an Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) certification.** More information on ONCC, the types of eligible certifications, and how to determine your chapter's percentage are included below.

What Is ONCC?

[ONCC](#) is a credentialing body dedicated to promoting excellence in oncology nursing and patient care through the certification of nurses. ONCC certifications validate the specialized knowledge and skills of nurses working in oncology, ensuring a high standard of care for patients with cancer.

Types of ONCC Certifications

ONCC offers a variety of certifications catering to different levels of practice and specialties within oncology nursing. These certifications include:

Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN®)

The [OCN® certification](#) is designed for registered nurses who provide care to adult cancer patients. It demonstrates the nurse's knowledge in oncology, including cancer treatment modalities, symptom management, and psychosocial dimensions of care.

Certified Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurse (CPHON®)

The [CPHON® certification](#) is aimed at registered nurses who care for pediatric patients with cancer and hematologic disorders. This certification covers pediatric oncology nursing, including treatment, supportive care, and family-centered care.

Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AOCNP®)

The [AOCNP® certification](#) is intended for nurse practitioners who specialize in oncology. It demonstrates that the holder has knowledge of advanced clinical practice, including diagnosing and managing cancer and treatment-related complications.

Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Certified Nurse (TCTCN™)

The [TCTCN™ certification](#) is for nurses involved in the care of patients undergoing stem cell transplantation and other cellular therapies. The certification covers the entire transplant process, from pre-transplant care through post-transplant management.

Certified Breast Care Nurse (CBCN®)

The [CBCN® certification](#) is for registered nurses who provide care to patients with breast cancer. It covers knowledge areas such as breast cancer treatment, symptom management, and patient education.

Benefits of ONCC Certification

Obtaining an ONCC certification offers several benefits to nurses and the healthcare community, including:

- **Professional recognition:** ONCC certification is a mark of excellence, recognizing the nurse's specialized knowledge and skills in oncology nursing.
- **Career advancement:** Certified nurses often have better job opportunities, higher salaries, and greater potential for career advancement.
- **Enhanced patient care:** Certification ensures that nurses are equipped with the latest knowledge and best practices in oncology care, leading to improved patient outcomes.
- **Personal satisfaction:** Achieving certification is a personal accomplishment that brings a sense of pride and fulfillment.

Certification Process

Eligibility

Each certification has specific eligibility criteria, typically involving a combination of nursing education, experience, and hours of practice in oncology nursing.

Examination

Candidates must pass a rigorous examination that tests their knowledge and skills in the respective area of oncology nursing. The exams are designed to reflect real-world practice and cover a broad range of topics relevant to the certification.

Recertification

ONCC certifications are valid for four years. To maintain certification, nurses must meet recertification requirements, which typically include nursing continuing professional development activities.

Promoting Certification

ONCC has a variety of [printable resources](#) available to promote certification to your chapter.

You can also [request a promotional kit](#) from ONCC to be shipped to you directly (pending current availability).

Determining Certification Percentage

To determine your chapter's current certification percentage, simply email chapters@ons.org and request your percentage; please allow three to five business days to receive that information.

Please note that percentage will be given based on the date of the request, and that certification totals fluctuate throughout the year.

To complete this success metric, **at least 10%** of your chapter membership must possess a current ONCC certification. Your chapter can consider this metric achieved upon receiving confirmation that the percentage threshold has been met from chapters@ons.org.



Metric Completion Checklist

To consider this metric completed, your chapter must have at least 10% of your membership holding certification simultaneously at any point during the calendar year. To confirm completion of this metric please complete the following checklist.

- ☐ Determine the 10% threshold for your chapter.
- ☐ Determine your chapter's current certification percentage.
- ☐ Contact chapters@ons.org to confirm your chapter has met the 10% threshold.
- ☐ Submit confirmation of completion of this metric on your next [Quarterly Report](#).