

CORE CURRICULUM REVIEW FOR ONCOLOGY NURSES

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This program provides a review of oncology nursing and will assist eligible nurses to prepare for the Oncology Nursing Certification (OCN®) Exam. Oncology nursing certification is the standard for today's oncology nurse. The program content for this course will also be relevant for nursing and allied health professionals who want a foundation in oncology care. The Oncology Certified Nurse OCN® Test Blueprint of the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC), as well as the Instructor's Resource Manual published by the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) have been utilized as resources for development of course content.

DATES:	September 10 and 11, 2008
TIMES:	8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
LOCATION:	Conference Center Auditorium, Fox Chase Cancer Center

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Registered nurses who meet the eligibility criteria established by the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) and other nursing and allied health professionals with an interest in oncology.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR INITIAL OCN® CERTIFICATION:

1. Current, active, unrestricted RN license at time of application and examination and
2. A minimum of one year (12 months) experience as an RN within the three years (36 months) prior to application, and
3. A minimum of 1000 hours of oncology nursing practice within the two-and-one-half years (30 months) before application, and
4. Completion of a minimum of ten (10) contact hours of continuing education in oncology nursing within 3 years (36 months) prior to application.

* Contact hours must have been provided or formally approved by an accredited provider or approver of nursing continuing education. A maximum of 5 (50%) of the contact hours may be continuing medical education (CME) in oncology.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR RENEWAL OF OCN® CERTIFICATION:

1. Current, active, unrestricted RN license
2. A minimum of one year (12 months) experience as an RN within the three years (36 months) prior to application, and
3. A minimum of 1000 hours of oncology nursing practice within the two-and-one-half years (30 months) before application

Nursing experience may be in the areas of nursing administration, education, clinical practice, or research. All eligibility criteria must be met at the time of application.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration for taking the Oncology Nursing Certification exam is not included as part of this program. Nurses should contact the ONCC for registration materials.

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TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ◆ Quality of Life: Risk factors, prevention and nursing management related to patient
 - Comfort
 - Coping
 - Sexuality
 - Symptom management/supportive care
 - Pain Management
- ◆ Protective Mechanisms/ Side Effect Management
- ◆ Cancers affecting Gastrointestinal, Urinary and Cardiopulmonary Function. Prototypes to be discussed include:
 - Breast and Lung Cancers
 - Colorectal and Prostate Cancers
 - Leukemia and Lymphoma
- ◆ Oncologic Emergencies
- ◆ Scientific Basis for practice
 - Carcinogenesis/Pathophysiology
 - Tumor Classification
 - Major Treatment Modalities (Surgery, Radiation, Chemotherapy)
- ◆ Health Promotion (Prevention, Detection, Screening)
- ◆ Professional/ Legal/ Ethical Issues

OBJECTIVES:

At the completion of this course the participant will be able to:

1. Describe the pathophysiology of cancer with focus on prevention and detection.
2. Identify a variety of cancer treatment modalities and apply the concept of effective side effect management into practice.
3. Review specific cancers: colon, prostate, breast, lung, leukemia and lymphoma as well as oncologic emergencies.
4. Incorporate professional, ethical, and legal standards into clinical practice while emphasizing patient quality of life issues.
5. Review test taking strategies.

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FEE: \$250

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