

POSITION SUMMARY

Oncology Nursing Society Position on Oncology Certification for Nurses

Rapid scientific and technologic advances in cancer care require nurses to know and do more than ever before. In addition, the United States is facing a nursing shortage that is expected to worsen before it improves. This, coupled with the aging population and prevalence of cancer, means fewer nurses are caring for more patients with cancer.

It is the position of the Oncology Nursing Society that certification provides validation of the specialized knowledge and experience required for competent performance.

This includes

- Validation that nurses have met stringent requirements for knowledge and experience to provide competent oncology care
- Reassurance that employers who hire certified nurses are determined to provide the highest quality of care to patients with cancer.

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