## Welcome to Oncology Nursing Society!

Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) is thrilled to be collaborating with your nursing school. We are excited to offer you a FREE ONS student membership, as well as free access to ONS Cancer Basics, as part of your curriculum.

Planning for your future growth and development in the nursing profession starts now! Let us help you navigate your career path, answer questions, expand your knowledge, boost your resume, and prepare you for a transition from student to professional.

## Let's get started.

ONS is the leading oncology nursing organization in the world. It includes more than 35,000 members committed to promoting excellence in oncology nursing and the transformation of cancer care. Best of all, prelicensure nursing students receive a free ONS membership! To join ONS, follow these steps:

- If you are new to ONS, you must first create an ONS account by visiting <a href="https://login.ons.org">https://login.ons.org</a> and clicking <a href="https://create.org.new.org">Create Account</a>. If you are a returning ONS customer, log in using your ONS username and password.
- Go to www.ons.org and click on the Join/Renew link on the top-right area of the page.
- Click the blue Join/Renew Now button, found halfway down the page, and proceed through the application.

**Important!** To be eligible for a free membership, you must be a prelicensure student without a <u>nursing</u> <u>degree</u> above an associate degree. If you have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher in another field of study, please answer the question, *What is the highest nursing degree you've earned?* with **None**.

## **Register for Cancer Basics**

As a student, you can take our Cancer Basics course for free.

- 1. Go to the ONS Store and add the Cancer Basics course to your cart.
- 2. Go to your shopping cart and click **check out** in the bottom lefthand corner.
- **3.** Enter promo code **STDNTCB** to receive the full discount.

After you are registered, you will receive a confirmation email that will include a link. The link will provide you access to the new course.



## **Cancer Basics Information**

This is a self-paced course that consists of 4 modules and will take about 6 hours to complete. The modules explore the following topics.

MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3	MODULE 4
<ul> <li>Describes the basic biology of cancer.</li> <li>Defines characteristics of cancer cells.</li> <li>Identifies risk, screening, prevention, and diagnosis of cancer.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describes common types of cancer treatment and modalities and how they work to treat cancer.</li> <li>Identifies key side effects of each treatment type.</li> <li>Details key patient education for each type of treatment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identifies common symptoms experienced by patients with cancer.</li> <li>Explores standardized assessment tools and evidence-based management strategies for common symptoms.</li> <li>Discusses nursing considerations and patient education related to symptom management.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describes postdiagnosis cancer treatment concerns and follow-up considerations.</li> <li>Discusses clinical trials and their role in cancer research.</li> <li>Identifies potential concerns in cancer care.</li> </ul>