

ONS Standard for Educating Nurses

Who Administer Chemotherapy and Biotherapy

For use by healthcare leaders and individual nurses alike, the following pathway indicates the appropriate progression of educational programs provided by the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) for administering chemotherapy and biotherapy based on level of competency, understanding, and clinical practice needs.

All nurses who need to currently administer chemotherapy and/or biotherapy

Nurses who administer low volume or a limited number of chemotherapy and/or biotherapy agents

Nurses should continue to earn chemotherapy biotherapy and/or disease-specific CNE

Chemotherapy Biotherapy: Fundamentals of Administration Renewal

Successful completion of the Chemotherapy Biotherapy: Fundamentals of Administration Renewal Course renews the ONS provider card Chemotherapy
Biotherapy: Fundamentals
of Administration

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Based on the need
of the institution or
the career aspirations of
the individual, nurses can
elect to transition over
to the ONS/ONCC
Chemotherapy Biotherapy
Certificate Course
Pathway

Nurses who administer high volume or large number of chemotherapy and/or biotherapy agents

ONS recommends 6 months of experience administering chemotherapy, biotherapy agents plus earning chemotherapy, biotherapy and/or disease-specific CNE

ONS/ONCC Chemotherapy Biotherapy Certificate Course

Successful completion of the ONS/ONCC Chemotherapy Biotherapy Certificate Course earns the ONS provider card PLUS the ONCC certificate of added qualification

Nurses should continue to earn chemotherapy, biotherapy and/or disease-specific CNE

ONS/ONCC Chemotherapy Biotherapy Certificate Course Renewal

Successful completion of the ONS/ONCC Chemotherapy Biotherapy Certificate Renewal Course renews the ONS provider card