OCN® Test Review Course

This course provides an overview on oncology nursing practice to help prepare nurses to take the oncology nursing certification exam. All courses are sponsored by UPMC Hillman Cancer Center. The faculty consists of healthcare professionals with expertise in cancer care at UPMC.

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Who Should Attend:
This course addresses the needs of registered nurses who are preparing for the oncology nursing certification exam.

Time and Location:
This course will be held both on the UPMC Shadyside campus in the Shadyside section of Pittsburgh, PA and virtually via Microsoft Teams. Exact class schedule and location will be provided in the confirmation letter sent one week prior to the class. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and lectures begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. The course concludes at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Continuing Education Credit:
In support of improving patient care, the University of Pittsburgh is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Registration Information:
All UPMC employees are required to register for educational programs through Learning via HR Direct. Employees may access HR Direct by logging on the UPMC Infonet. A User Guide is available on the Infonet. Manager approval may be required for some programs for some employees. If you receive this notice when enrolling, please notify your manager of your interest in the program. Non-UPMC employees may register for the course by submitting a course registration form to the course director. Registration forms are located on the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Professional Education Website https://hillman.upmc.com/health-care-professionals/education/courses

The registration fee for this individual course live attendance is $80 and virtual attendance is $40. For live courses, the registration fee includes program materials and morning and afternoon refreshments. Tuition is waived for employees of UPMC and UPMC affiliates.

Deadline for registration is one week before the course date.

Confirmation letters are emailed to all registrants one week prior to class. Confirmation letters contain directions to the site, information on parking, registration for CEU credit, as well as other details. If you have any questions, need more information, or do not receive confirmation prior to the course, contact Amy DiMaggio at dimaggioa@upmc.edu.

Cancellation Policy:
• If you cannot attend any course for any reason, you need to directly notify the course registrar by calling 412-623-3651 and leaving a voicemail message or by emailing Amy DiMaggio at dimaggioa@upmc.edu.
• The course schedule is not changed by school delays. For any adverse weather conditions, please use your best judgment.
• For class cancellations, an announcement will be available at 412-623-3651 and an email will be sent to class attendees.

The program sponsors reserve the right to make changes or cancel the program because of unforeseen circumstances.

Personal Accommodations:
Please indicate any personal accommodations you may need for the program, such as sign language interpreter, large print conference materials, Braille conference materials, wheelchair height tables, vegetarian meals, diabetic meals, accessible parking, or other. Please call 412-623-3651 or email Amy DiMaggio at dimaggioa@upmc.edu two weeks prior to the program if you need any personal accommodations to participate.

Objectives
At the end of this course, the learner will be able to:
  • Identify what content areas will be tested on the OCN exam.
  • Describe appropriate nursing measures to care for a patient experiencing an oncologic emergency.
  • Identify nursing interventions related to the management of symptoms resulting from cancer and cancer treatment.
  • Explain the different treatment modalities used to treat cancer.
  • Differentiate between clinical trials, research protocols, and complementary and alternative therapies in cancer treatment.
  • Understand the psychosocial dimensions of a patient during cancer diagnosis, cancer treatment, survivorship, and end-of-life.
  • Describe the different aspects of oncology nursing in regard to professional practice including national resources, evidence based practice, patient advocacy, and professional development.

Course Content
  • Alterations in Function
  • Cardiac and Circulatory Function
  • Clinical Trials, Complementary Therapies, and Unproven Therapies
  • Coping and Sexuality
  • Gastrointestinal and Urinary Function
  • Health Promotion
  • Major Treatment Modalities
  • Oncologic Emergencies
  • Pharmacology Interventions
  • Professional Performance
  • Pulmonary Function
  • Quality of Life, Palliative, and End of Life Care
  • Review of Test Blueprint
  • Role of ILNA
• Review of Cancers
• Scientific Basis for Practice
• Supportive Care Issues
• Survivorship
• Test Taking Tips