

ONS/ONCC Chemotherapy Biotherapy Certificate Course

Information for UCSD Nurses who Need Certification

1. Since I am new to administering chemotherapy, what do I need to do?
 - a. For those who do not currently hold a chemotherapy provider card, ONS develops the program for **RNs with a minimum of six months' oncology experience** who are interested in learning about chemotherapy and biotherapy used to treat cancer, symptom management related to the agents, and safe handling of the agents. These are the requirements that must be fulfilled to administer chemotherapy at UCSD:
 - i. If you are new to oncology or need a refresher, you should attend the UCSD Oncology 101 Course prior taking the ONS Chemotherapy Biotherapy Certificate Course.
 - ii. Complete and pass the online ONS/ONCC Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Certificate Course. Give a copy of your provider card to your manager to be placed in your employee file.
 - iii. For Inpatient nurses: Attend the Beacon/UCSD Skills Specific Supplemental Course (this is how you get access to the Orders, Chemo Tab in EPIC (3 hours)). Register for this on the EDR website at under the calendar tab.
 - iv. For Outpatient nurses: Attend the Beacon UCSD training through EPIC during orientation.
 - v. Complete the initial chemotherapy competency and make sure it is placed in your employee file.
2. How does this online course work?
 - a. The online certificate course will train you on the latest chemotherapy and biotherapy information, it will allow you to complete the learning over a month, at your own pace. **The course takes 15 hours to complete.**
3. How will I be paid for the course? If the chemotherapy provider card is required for your job, you will be paid by the following method (or per discussion with your manager):
 - a. Inpatient Nurses: You will be paid 4 hours per week for the duration of the course up to 15 hours.
 - b. Outpatient Nurses: TBD based on your schedule
4. **How do I sign-up and pay for the course?** UCSD is pleased to be able to offer bulk discounts to UCSD employees for the renewal and initial course.
 - a. **Obtain your Voucher number:** Register at <http://health.ucsd.edu/edr> under the calendar to obtain your voucher number. You will need to have your department code ready when registering online.
 - b. **Then, register through ONS:** Register at www.ons.org. You will need the voucher number when registering for the class.
 - c. The cost is:
 - i. \$185.00 for the Initial course

- ii. If you sign-up for the course without a UCSD voucher code, we will only reimburse you for the UCSD price, not the ONS price for the course.

5. What if I don't finish the course or if I fail the course?

- a. ***It is your responsibility to complete and pass the course within the specified timeframe.*** As an adult learner you choose your own pace through the class.
- b. **If you do not complete the course on time or you fail the examination (you have two attempts), you will be responsible for paying for and completing the course again on your own time.**

6. If this is a certificate course, am I eligible for the nursing certification differential?

- a. No. The ONS Chemotherapy Biotherapy Certificate Course is transitioning to an assessment-based certificate program. Credentials are not awarded for completion of a certificate program, but certificates indicating attainment of knowledge or added qualifications may be awarded to learners who complete all program requirements.

NOTE: This is not an “easy” course. Do not wait until the last minute to complete the discussions and exam. If you are having difficulty with the content, please contact Aran Tavakoli at 858-249-6683 (x96683) or atavakoli@ucsd.edu prior to the close of the course. Follow all directions for the course!

UCSD will **NOT** honor the provider card obtained with the Chemotherapy Biotherapy: Fundamentals of Administration online course through ONS.

For more in-depth and up to date information please visit the ONS website for class information on the [ONS/ONCC Chemotherapy Biotherapy Certificate Course](#)