



ONDEC Frequently Asked Questions:

I do not have oncology experience, is this course appropriate for me?

We have had nurses new to oncology and experienced nurses enroll in ONDEC and have received positive feedback from both. As oncology patients are seen in a variety of health care settings any health care professional would benefit from this course.

Does this course provide me with the knowledge to care for oncology patients?

The course provides a solid foundation in oncology knowledge that can be applied to everyday nursing practice in all hospital and community settings.

Can I choose my start date for ONDEC?

Students may choose a start date that is suitable for them, which begins the first day of the chosen month. Students may choose any month to start within 6 months of their registration date. For example, if a student registers January 15, 2012, their start date must be on or before July 1, 2012. Students may only change their start date once and this change must be made prior to the original start date. For example, if a student has chosen their start date to be June 1, 2012, they cannot change that start date on June 25, 2012.

How long do I have to complete ONDEC?

The Full Course ONDEC completion time for Canadian students is 10 months.
The Full Course ONDEC completion time for International students is 12 months.
The Partial Course ONDEC completion time for Canadian and International students is 3 months for each section.

What happens if I am not able to complete ONDEC within the deadline?

If students are unable to complete the Full Course ONDEC within the time provided, students have the option to purchase two extensions. Each extension allows the student one additional month to complete the course (i.e. if a student's completion date was May 31, 2012, and an extension payment is processed, the student would receive a revised completion date of June 30, 2012. Each extension fee is \$100.00.
There are no extensions available for the Partial Course ONDEC.

How do I obtain a textbook?

The textbook used in this course is Langhorne, M. E., Fulton, J. S., & Otto, S. E. (2007). *Oncology Nursing* (5th ed.). St. Louis, Mo.: Mosby/Elsevier. (ISBN 978-0-323-04185-0). You may purchase the text through an online book store, or your local university book store.

How many hours of study per week are required to complete the course in 10 months?

It is recommended that students commit at least 6-8 hours per week of study to complete the course in 10 months.

How many exams do I write?

There is one exam after each of the five sections. The format of the exams is primarily multiple-choice with the some true/false. There is no final exam.

Who will supervise my exams?

ONDEC exams are administered via a proctor. Students are required to designate a proctor who will receive, supervise, and return the exams. An exam proctor can be any professional in your place of employment, educational institution or community. Examples of proctors include: Director of Nursing, Staff Development Instructor, Nurse Manager or Librarian. A proctor cannot be a colleague, neighbor, friend, or relative, current student of the course, or someone who plans to enroll in ONDEC at a later date.

What type of credit will I receive upon completing ONDEC?

Upon successful completion of the Full Course ONDEC, students will receive a certificate of completion and an ONDEC pin. Students may use the hours for ONDEC towards their continuing education credits which are required by provincial associations/colleges. Canadian Universities may allow credit for ONDEC as an undergraduate elective.

Upon successful completion of the Partial Course ONDEC, students will receive a certificate of completion for the section completed.

Will I have learning support when I am enrolled in ONDEC?

During the time you are registered in the course you will have unlimited access to a full-time (Monday to Friday) tutor. You can contact the tutor by e-mail or telephone.

What is the refund policy?

There are no refunds for withdrawing from the course.