



Patient-Centered Nursing Program

The culture of nursing at The University of Arizona Cancer Center at St. Joseph's is anchored by compassionate, high-quality, patient-centered care for best outcomes.

Patients receive individualized nursing support throughout their cancer journey from diagnosis to cure and, as needed, survivorship, palliative care, and hospice care. The role of nursing at the Cancer Center includes caregiver, navigator, care coordinator, educator, and decision making advocate to ensure timely access to quality cancer care.

SPECIALIZED NURSING EXPERTISE

The Cancer Center employs professional registered nurses (RNs) with expertise in various areas of cancer care:

- Nurse navigators
- Infusion nurses
- Endoscopy/interventional radiology
- Radiation oncology
- Clinical educator
- Director of nursing
- Vice president, oncology services

CANCER CARE EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Nurses at the Cancer Center obtain specialized Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN®) certifications through the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS):

- Nurses meet high standard requirements for knowledge and experience in cancer care
- Certification provides nurses with expert knowledge, experience, and competency
- Certification benefits patients, families, and the multidisciplinary team

Chemotherapy Certification

- Infusion nurses have successfully completed the ONS Chemotherapy Biotherapy Certificate Course and hold an ONS Provider Card
- Preceptor nurses mentor new infusion employees to ensure competency in chemotherapy administration

Clinical Educator

- Provides education to ensure a high standard of nursing care is maintained with a focus on evidence-based research

