

# WHO ARE NAON and ONCB?

Support your orthopaedic professional development journey! Discover how the National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses (NAON) and the Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board (ONCB) can help you gain confidence and professional credibility as an orthopaedic nurse.

## Emerging Professional



- Orthopaedics is a significant part of a wide variety of nursing specialties, set yourself apart by engaging with [NAON](#) and [ONCB](#)
- [Join NAON](#) as a student member to explore what resources are available to you
  - » Use NAON's trusted practice resources – such as [position statements](#), [practice points](#), [clinical](#) and [best practice](#) guidelines
- Learn more about orthopaedic certification offered through [ONCB](#)
  - » Read ONCB's [white paper](#) to learn more about the value of certification
  - » Discover which [certification](#) is right for you – ONC, ONP-C, or ONC-A

## Early Career



- Develop confidence and professional credibility all while establishing your professional network
- Explore your NAON membership and educational resources such as the [Core Curriculum for Orthopaedic Nursing](#), [webinars](#) and the [Annual Congress](#)
- Determine which ONCB certification is right for you and learn more about [certification requirements](#)

## Certification

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- Register for the [ONC exam](#)
- Prepare for certification by taking NAON's [Orthopaedic Nursing Review Course](#) or studying the [Core Curriculum](#)
- Apply for a [scholarship](#) to support your certification journey
- Once you're certified, inform your employer, incorporate your credential into your professional signature, and promote your achievement on social media

## Professional Development & Engagement

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- Join or renew your NAON membership to continue fostering your professional development with discounted CNE for recertification
- Explore volunteer opportunities through [NAON](#), [ONCB](#) or the [NAON Foundation](#)
- Submit a podium or poster abstract for [NAON's Annual Congress](#)
- Learn about your [recertification requirements](#) and the difference between [Category A & B](#)
- Apply for an ONCB [scholarship](#) to support recertification

## Advanced Career Development

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- Elevate your career by prioritizing continued professional development and seeking orthopaedic nurse leadership roles
- Aspire to earn advanced certification through the [ONP-C](#) or [ONC-A](#) options
- Explore leadership opportunities within [ONCB](#) and [NAON](#)
- Demonstrate your commitment to orthopaedics by becoming a [NAON Fellow](#)
- Mentor others on the value of certification and NAON membership