

Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation  
Point of View  
Baccalaureate Degree Requirement for  
Basic Certification

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# ONCC History

## BSN Requirement

1993

ONCC Board of Directors voted to require BSN as of 2000 in order to achieve ABNS Accreditation

1994

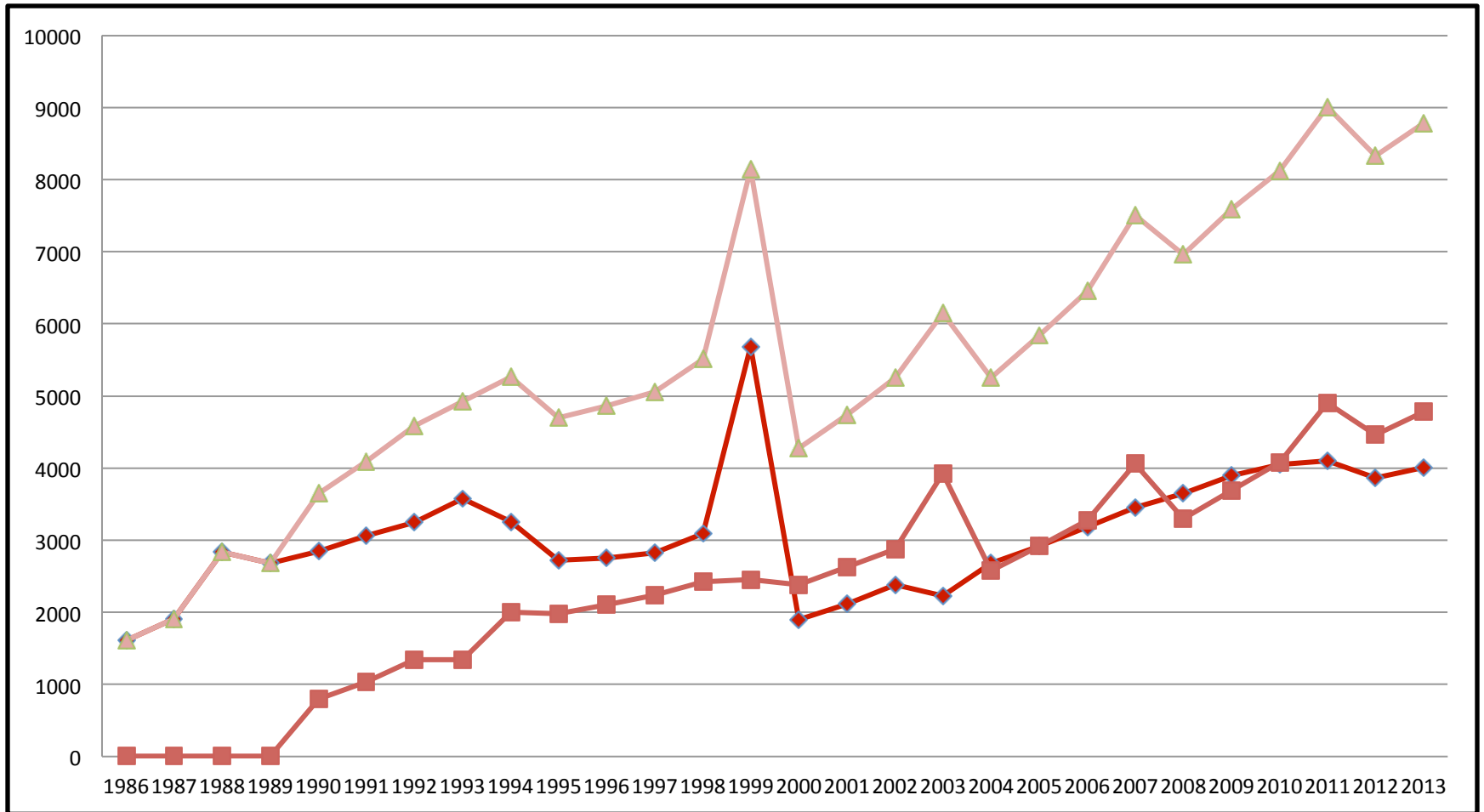
ONCC achieved ABNS accreditation of OCN® Certification Program

1999

ONCC Board voted to rescind BSN requirement when ABNS dropped it as a requirement for accreditation



# Annual OCN<sup>®</sup> Candidates



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# ONCC Mission

To promote excellence in patient care and professional practice by validating specialized knowledge in oncology nursing and related specialties



# ONCC Vision

Oncology care across the continuum will be provided by oncology certified professionals



# Highest Level of Education ONCC- Certified Nurses by Credential (non-advanced)

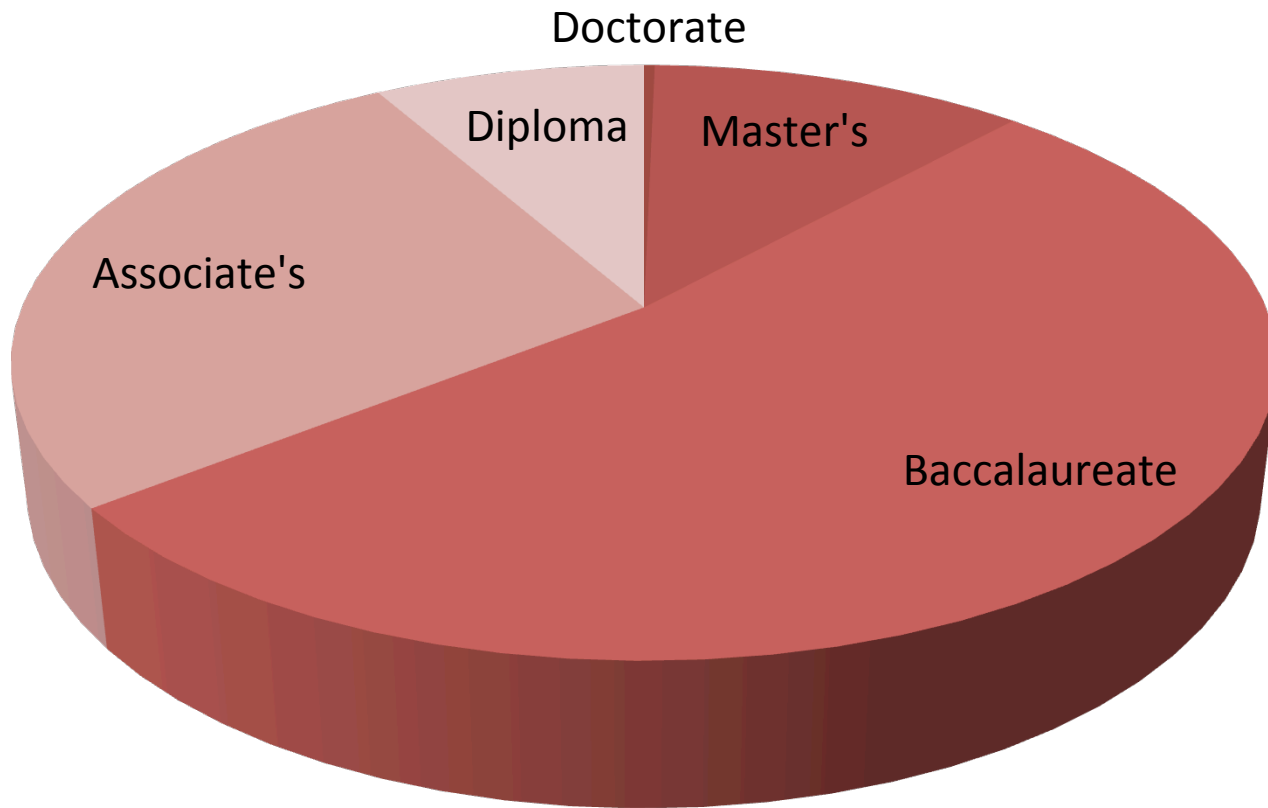
	OCN®	CPHON®	CBCN®	BMTCN™
Diploma	9%	3%	10%	4%
ADN	28%	10%	23%	17%
BSN	52%	70%	45%	55%
MSN	11%	17%	21%	23%
Doctorate	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%



# Level of Education

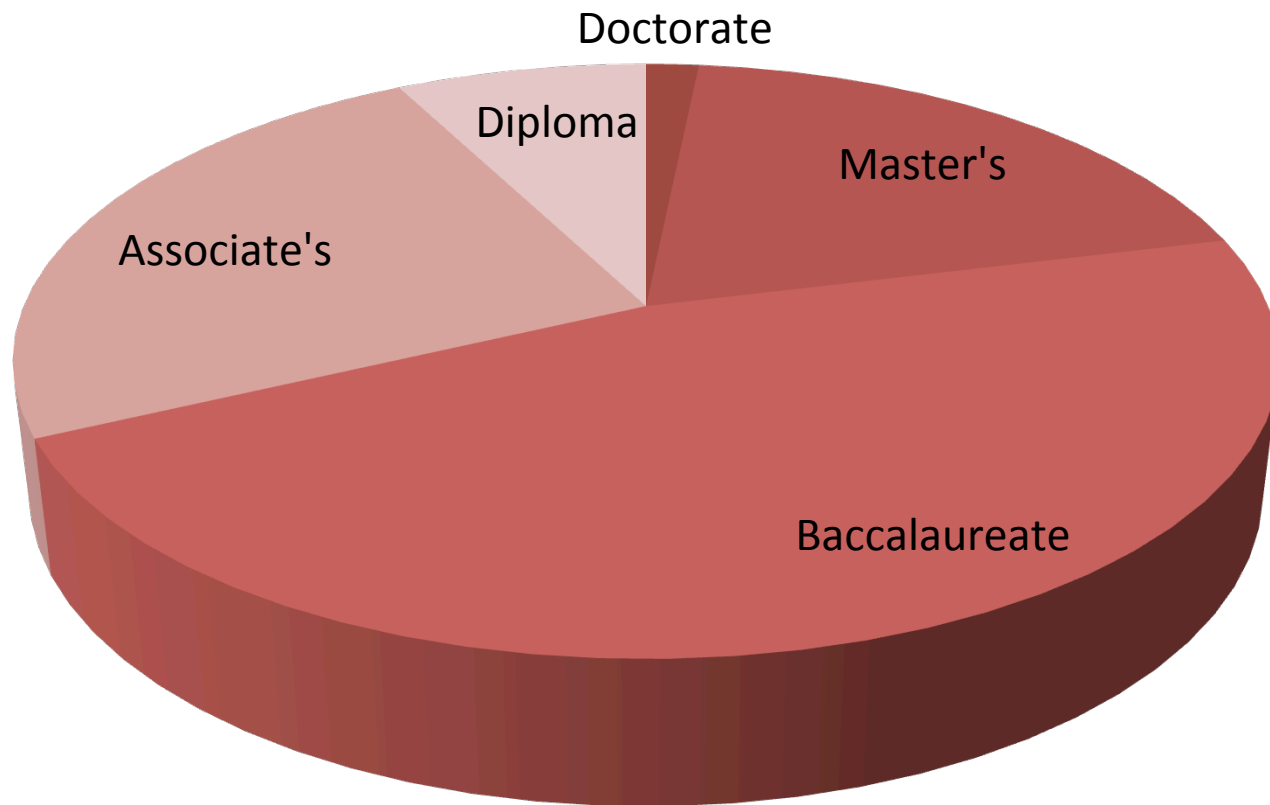
## All Nurses who Hold Basic ONCC Certification

33,720





# Level of Education Membership of Oncology Nursing Society



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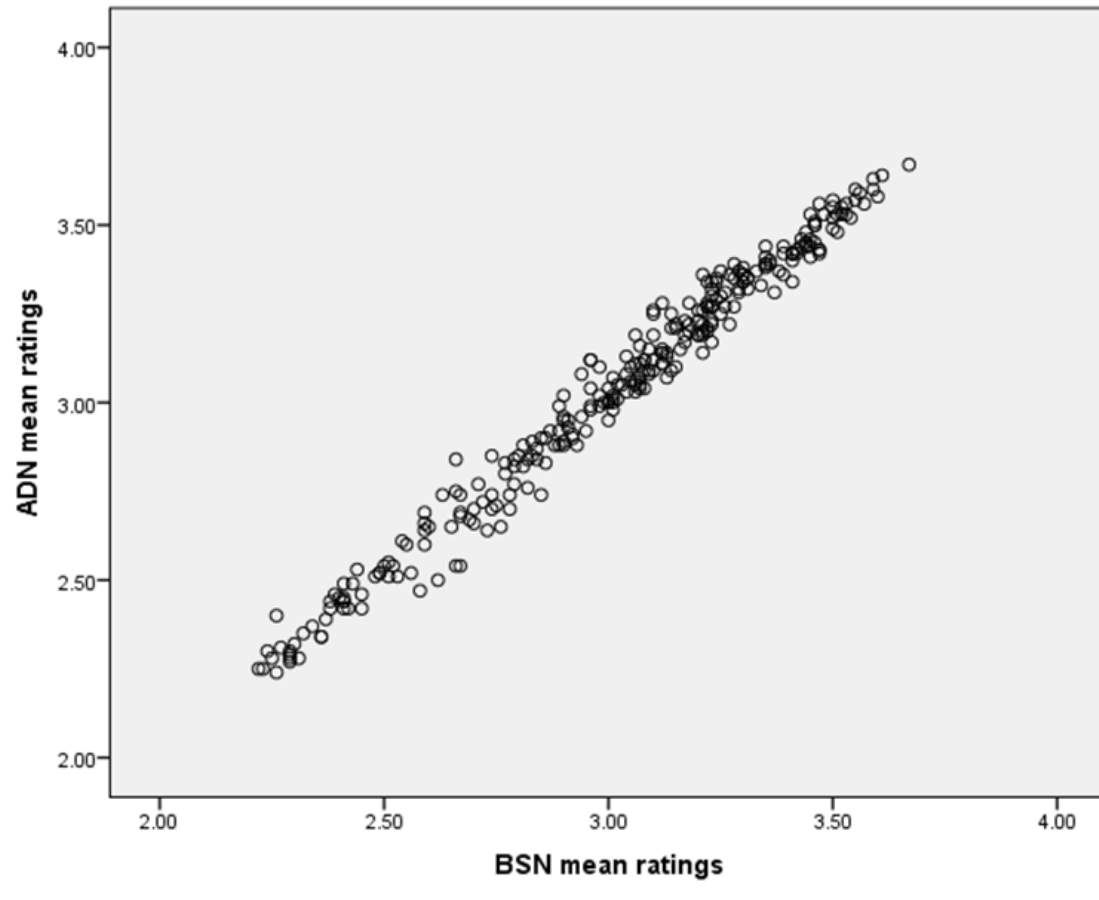
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- Data support that knowledge and tasks in practice are the same for nurses with the three levels of basic preparation.



# 2012 OCN<sup>®</sup> RDS

## Correlation of Mean Knowledge Ratings



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## Mean Ratings for Groups Based on Highest Level of Education

	Diploma	Associate's	Bachelor's
Potential Number of Respondents	>300	>700	>1700
106 Knowledge Statements	3.04	3.02	2.99
179 Task Statements	3.07	3.05	3.02



## In Summary:

Though ONCC philosophically supports the IOM recommendation to increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree, we do not believe that making the BSN a requirement for basic certification is an appropriate means to attain it.

