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Pardee Nurse Receives National Recognition

(Hendersonville, NC) Andrea Green, RNIII, OCN, recently achieved national certification from the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) as an Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN). Green has been a nurse at Pardee Hospital for six and a half years, and works on 3 West, the medical and oncology unit for the hospital.

Green received her degree in nursing from Blue Ridge Community College. She moved to the area as a child and currently resides in Fletcher with her husband. "I like the family atmosphere and caring environment at Pardee," says Green. "I enjoy coming to work every day," adds Green.

"Andrea is another example of the dedicated, professional, caring nurses we have here at Pardee. She provides excellent care for her patients each day," says Sandy Weeks, RN, MSN, CNAA, Nursing Director for Medicine and Oncology Services.

ONCC is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies and the American Board of Nursing Specialties. ONCC develops, administers, and evaluates programs for certification in oncology nursing. Eligibility Criteria for OCN Certification includes current, active, unrestricted RN license at the time of application and examination, a minimum of one year experience as an RN, and a minimum of 1,000 hours of oncology nursing practice.

Pardee Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in Henderson County. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including a 130-bed nursing facility, an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a sports therapy and rehabilitation facility on Thompson Street, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and urgent care facilities in Fletcher and Hendersonville. Pardee is a recipient of the 2006 HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, placing the hospital among the top 5 percent of hospitals in the U.S. for quality of care. More information is available at www.pardeehospital.org.

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