



Call for Applications: Early Career Nurses Working Group Membership

Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to announce the opening of applications for the EONS Early Career Nurses Working Group, a dynamic and collaborative team aimed at empowering and supporting the next generation of nursing professionals in cancer nursing nationally, at a European level and International. We are seeking eight (8) passionate and dedicated early career nurses within up to 5 years of clinical and/or academical experience in total to join our working group and contribute to the advancement of cancer nursing practice, education, leadership and research.

About the Working Group:

The Early Career Nurses (ECN) Working Group of the European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS) is a group designed to foster collaboration, mentorship, and professional development among early career cancer nurses. Members will have the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions, collaborate on innovative projects, and shape the future of cancer nursing. By joining this group, you will become part of a vibrant community of like-minded professionals committed to making a difference in the field of cancer nursing.

The EONS ECN is in alignment with EONS mission and Strategic Goals to support and improve the critical role that cancer nurses play in comprehensive cancer care and the professional development across Europe. The ECN WG shall have the mandate to assist the EONS Executive Board to meet its goals related to early career and young cancer nurses.

Membership of the ECN WG is reviewed by the Executive Board. The ECN WG co-chairs, members and the Executive Board work together to determine ECN WG needs and brainstorm new and potential tasks and members.

Description of Responsibilities:

The ECN WG is expected to provide advice on early career efforts and initiatives that can be taken up by EONS, and to provide feedback and reports on efforts undertaken by the society. Early Career Nurses have less than 5 years of experience in the sector and play an important role in bringing innovative ideas, fresh perspectives, and new skillsets into the workforce. Tasks include, but are not limited to:

The ECN WG is expected to be knowledgeable of the issues and needs of early and young cancer nurses and cancer patients in Europe.

The ECN WG develops goals and objectives every four years which are submitted to Board for approval. The ECN WG provides to the board a review of activities undertaken and recommendations for future activities.

Expectations and Responsibilities of Working Group Members:

- Actively participate in group discussions, meetings, and collaborative projects.
- Contribute expertise and insights to support the group's initiatives.
- Engage in the group activities and knowledge sharing with fellow members.
- Collaborate on EONS projects, educational initiatives, and advocacy efforts related to nursing.
- Attend regular virtual meetings (the least is 50% per year) and occasional in-person events.
- Develop awareness of current issues and opportunities about early career and young cancer nurses for EONS to be represented.
- Build relationships with early career professionals representatives of other healthcare organisations / societies.
- Participate in the development and implementation of the ECN WG work plan.

Who We Are Looking For:

We invite applications from early career nurses who:

- Have been in cancer nursing (clinical or academical) no longer than five years.
- Demonstrate a passion for cancer nursing and a strong commitment to professional development.
- Have excellent communication and teamwork skills.
- Are dedicated to advancing oncology practice, education, leadership and networking.
- Are enthusiastic about contributing ideas and actively participating in group activities.
- Are individual EONS member or member of the National Oncology Nursing Society.

Guidelines and ECN WG Terms:

- ECN WG members serve two-year term with an option to renew twice. Membership of Working Group therefore lasts for a maximum of 6 years.
- Each member commits to pursuing activities that contribute towards the achievement of the EONS Strategic Goals.
- ECN WG members will meet on a 6 weeks basis. Meetings may be held in person or via conference call.
- ECN WG members actively participate in meetings, contributing to the discussion, brainstorming and sharing innovative ideas.
- ECN WG reviews the task groups' work, work plan and membership. Any members who have not attended regular meetings or documented activities to promote the ECN WG objectives for a period of 6 consecutive months will be removed from the membership list.
- ECN WG create an annual work plan outlining its calendar of major activities to be covered.
- Members review material and provides input for improvement.
- Collaborate closely with other EONS working groups, individual members, National Societies

Time Commitment for ECN WG Members

ECN WG members should anticipate giving an average of 2-3 hours per month to complete the activities.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications by Tuesday, **05/12/2023**. To apply, please send the following documents to eons.secretariat@cancernurse.eu

A resume or curriculum vitae detailing your nursing education, work experience, and any relevant achievements.

A cover letter outlining your motivation for joining the Early Career Nurses Working Group and the skills and perspectives you would bring to the team.

We encourage early career nurses from diverse backgrounds and specialties to apply and help us build a vibrant and inclusive working group.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at eons.secretariat@cancernurse.eu

Thank you for your interest in joining the Early Career Nurses Working Group. We look forward to welcoming passionate and dedicated nurses who are eager to contribute to the future of our profession.

Warm regards,

Early Career Nurses current Chairs,

Michalea Popelkova, Bethany Maynard, Nikolina Doglek

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Newly elected Early Career Nurses Chairs from January 2024.

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