

ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER NURSE AMONG THE FIRST TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATION



Trenton, NJ - Anne-Marie Williams, RN, BSN, CBCN, Breast Care Coordinator at St. Francis Medical Center, passed the first Certified Breast Care Nurse (CBCN) Examination administered in February 2009.

In February, 120 nurses passed the first administration of the Certified Breast Care Nurse (CBCN) Examination. These registered nurses consist of staff nurses, clinicians, educators, and managers in breast care nursing.

Ms. Williams navigates women with abnormal mammographic findings through the healthcare continuum in a timely manner. Ms. Williams reduces much of the apprehension and fear her patients feel by scheduling appointments and handling insurance issues and referrals.

The CBCN Examination tests the knowledge necessary for the nurse to practice competently within the specialty of breast care nursing, from prevention/detection, to diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, and end of life care. Breast care certification is available to nurses who have:

- A current, active, unrestricted RN licensure
- A minimum of 12 months of experience as an RN within three years prior to application
- A minimum of 1000 hours of breast care practice within the two-and-one-half years prior to the application, and
- Completed a minimum of 10 hours of continuing education in the specialty of breast care.

Additionally, Ms. Williams provides patients, staff and community education on early detection strategies; assists in performance improvement activities; plans multidisciplinary breast conferences; and facilitates breast cancer support groups. Ms. Williams also wrote and implemented a grant, through Susan G. Komen for the Cure, for educating and screening un/underinsured women.

She is a member of the Cancer Committee, Cancer Survivor Day Planning Committee and initiated the lung nurse navigator role. Ms. Williams has been the Co-Captain for Race for the Cure annually from 2005 to 2008, and assisted in the planning of a two-day breast conference with the Fox Chase Cancer Center Partners. She is a member of several professional organizations including the Oncology Nursing Society, National Coalition of Oncology Nurse Navigators, and American Society of Breast Surgeons.

The CBCN Examination is offered at more than 230 computer-based testing sites in North America and at selected international sites during quarterly testing intervals. Information about the CBCN Test is available at www.oncc.org

The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation, an affiliate corporation of the Oncology Nursing Society, develops, administers and evaluates programs for certification in oncology nursing.