

Site Specific Oncology Education

Location: University of Iowa Health Care, 4 West General Hospital, Nursing Clinical Education Center

Dates for 2026 & Registration Deadline:

Hematology/Oncology	Deadline
Tuesday, January 27, 2026	January 13, 2026
Tuesday, September 8, 2026	August 25, 2026
Solid Tumors	Deadline
Tuesday, March 3, 2026	February 17, 2026
Tuesday, October 6, 2026	September 22, 2026
Surgical Oncology & Supportive Care	Deadline
Friday, April 10, 2026	March 27, 2026
Friday, November 6, 2026	October 23, 2026

Purpose/Description:

This enrichment series has been developed by the Medical Surgical Services Division of the UI Health Care Department of Nursing Services and Patient Care. The purpose is to provide site specific oncology information to nurses. The series consists of a Hematology-Oncology day, a Solid Tumors day and Surgical Oncology and Supportive Oncology Care day. The classes are open to nurses from across the state interested in learning more about hematology/oncology, cancer diagnoses, surgical-oncology, and supportive oncology care.

Registration:

To register go to the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine website: <https://uiowa.cloud-cme.com>

- Select Nursing CE
- Select Register on the desired course

Fees:

- UI Health Care Employees
 - o Nursing Staff working on oncology units = \$0
 - o All Other Nurses = \$25/class
- Non-UI Health Care Employees = \$96/class
 - o Fee includes workshop materials, breaks, parking and CE credits. There is a \$20 nonrefundable late fee if registering after the deadline.

Refunds: Full refund (less the \$20 late fee) if notified 3 days prior to the program. Substitutions are permitted at any time.

Intended Audience

Oncology nurses and staff caring for oncology patients

Fees & Credits

There is no registration fee for staff to attend this course or to receive optional CE contact hours.

Nursing contact hours

will be offered by University of Iowa Health Care Department of Nursing Services and Patient Care Continuing Education Office and align with the appropriate subject matter found in Iowa Administrative Code 655 chapter 5.2(3).

Pre-registration is required. Contact Nursing Clinical Education Center at 319-356-1238 with questions.

General Information:

Due to fluctuations in room temperature, we recommend you dress accordingly for your personal comfort.

The Nursing Clinical Education Center is located on 4 West, General Hospital in UI Health Care University Campus (elevator B to 4th floor, west at compass on floor). Maps of the hospital and Iowa City can be obtained on the web at <http://www.uihc.org/Your-Visit>.

Parking for Non-UI Health Care Employees: Parking is available at Hospital Parking Ramp 3. Parking passes will be issued at registration. No need to bring parking transaction ticket with you.

Participants should enter the hospital through the main entrance and inquire at the Information Desk for directions to the classroom. All currently implemented UI Health Care screening questions will be asked before you will be able to enter the hospital.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact the Department of Nursing Services and Patient Care Continuing Education Office in advance at (319) 356-1238.

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Site Specific Oncology – Hematology Oncology

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Or

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Purpose:

The purpose of this class is to provide information for nurses on hematologic conditions and malignancies. This includes etiology, diagnosis, treatment, symptom management, nursing care and expected outcomes.

Objectives:

1. Discuss the current nursing and medical management of patients with hemophilia.
2. Discuss the current nursing and medical management of patients with acute and chronic leukemia.
3. Review principles of blood and marrow transplant care.
4. Discuss current nursing and medical management of patients with sickle cell disease.
5. Discuss the current nursing and medical management of patients with multiple myeloma.
6. Describe the current nursing and medical management of patients with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and Hodgkin's disease.
7. Identify risk factors and therapeutic interventions for patients with Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP) and Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP).

Schedule:

0745-0800	Registration/CE recording/Introductions
0800-0905	Hemophilia – Karla Watkinson, BSN, RN, Nurse Coordinator, Missy Aitchison, BSN, RN, UI Health Care Hemophilia Treatment Center
0940-0955	Break
0955-1045	Blood & Marrow Transplant Care – Tara Rausch, MSN, RN, Nurse Manager
1045-1125	Sickle Cell Disease – Laura Young, MSN, RN, OCN, Clinical Practice Leader
1125-1225	Lunch (on your own)
1225-1310	Multiple Myeloma – Sam Sparrow, PA-C, Internal Medicine, Adult SCT and Cellular Therapy Program
1310-1355	Hodgkin's Disease & Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma – Katie Steichen, DNP, ARNP, RN, Internal Medicine, Adult SCT and Cellular Therapy Program
1355-1410	Break
1410-1510	ITP/TTP – Laura Collins, BSN, RN, HP (ASCP), Nurse Manager, DeGowin Blood Center
1510-1600	Acute Leukemia – Katie Crawford, MSN, ARNP, RN, FNP-C, Internal Medicine, Department of Hematology
1600	Evaluation/Adjourn

6.5 nursing contact hours will be offered by University of Iowa Health Care Department of Nursing Services and Patient Care Continuing Education Office and align with the appropriate subject matter found in Iowa Administrative Code 655 chapter 5.2(3).

Speakers are Department of Nursing Medical Surgical Services Division staff unless otherwise noted.

Site Specific Oncology – Solid Tumors

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Or

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Purpose:

The purpose of this class is to provide information for nurses on cancer site specific solid tumors. This includes etiology, diagnosis, treatment, symptom management, and expected outcomes.

Objectives:

1. Discuss early detection and recent advances in the treatment of breast cancer.
2. Identify the surgical and medical interventions for patients with cancers of the genitourinary tract.
3. Review surgical and medical treatment for patients with lung and esophageal cancer.
4. Identify the medical interventions for patients with colorectal cancer and pancreatic cancer.
5. Describe the diagnosis, treatment, and nursing interventions for people with head and neck cancer.

Schedule:

0745-0800	Registration/CE recording/Introductions
0800-0900	Breast Cancer – Jean Arndt Audas, BSN, RN, MA, AOCN, CBCN, CN-CN, Clinical Breast Service Specialist
0900-1010	Common Cancers of the Genitourinary Tract – Laura Young, BSN, RN, OCN, Clinical Practice Leader
1010-1025	Break
1025-1125	Lung Cancer: A Medical Approach – Nick Ikoma, BSN, RN, Staff Nurse
1125-1225	Lung Cancer/Esophageal Cancer: A Surgical Approach – Joan Ricks-McGill, RN, Nurse Clinical Specialist, Cardiothoracic Surgery
1225-1325	Lunch (on your own)
1325-1425	Colorectal Cancer/Pancreatic Cancer – Erin Spring, MSN, RN, Nurse Clinician, GI Oncology
1425-1440	Break
1440-1545	Head and Neck Cancers – Kari Copeland, BA, RN, CMSRN, Nurse Manager
1545	Evaluation/Adjourn

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Site Specific Oncology – Surgical Oncology and Supportive Care

Friday, April 10, 2026

Or

Friday, November 6, 2026

Purpose:

The purpose of this class is to provide information for nurses on surgeries and supportive cares for oncology patients. This includes principles of surgical oncology, radiation oncology, managing oncologic complications, addressing tobacco use in cancer care, navigating language barriers, sexuality related issues, and the Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) oncology program.

Objectives:

1. Describe principles, procedures, and nursing interventions related to endocrine surgical oncology.
2. Describe gastric, liver, and pancreas procedures and nursing interventions related to surgical oncology.
3. Review principles of radiation oncology.
4. Review strategies for managing common oncologic complications.
5. Increase awareness of current tobacco trends and their impact on oncologic care.
6. Discuss methods of assisting patients with language and communication barriers.
7. Describe issues and interventions related to sexuality and the cancer patient.
8. Review the AYA oncology program and resources available at UI Health Care.

Schedule:

0745-0800	Registration/CE recording/Introductions
0800-0900	Endocrine Surgical Procedures and Cares – Scott Sherman, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology and Endocrine Surgery
0900-0950	Gastric, Liver and Pancreas Surgical Procedures and Cares – Hisakazu Hoshi, MD, Clinical Professor, Oncology Surgery
0950-1005	Break
1005-1110	Principles of Radiation Oncology – Jessica Williams, BSN, RN, OCN, Nurse Clinician
1110-1210	Oncology Complications – Kelly Petrulovich, MSN, RN, OCN, Nursing Practice Leader
1210-1310	Lunch (on your own)
1310-1400	Tobacco Cessation and Cancer Treatments – Autumn Carstens, Med, CTTS, Tobacco Treatment Specialist
1400-1415	Break
1415-1500	Assisting Patients with Language/Communication Barriers – Adrian Silva, Lead Hospital Interpreter, Office of the Patient Experience
1500-1545	Sexuality and the Cancer Patient – Amber McCarthy, BSN, RN, Assistant Nurse Manager
1545-1630	Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Oncology Program – Jessica Gurwell, BSN, RN, AYA Nurse Navigator
1630	Evaluation/Adjourn

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