Certified Oncology Pharmacy Technician Program
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Do I have to be a member to take the certification exam?
   a. No. You are not required to be an NCODA or OPTA member. However, there are many benefits to NCODA and OPTA membership such as

2. Are the 20 hours of CEs in addition to the CEs needed to renew national certification and/or Adv?
   a. No. There are specific CE requirements for the certification but as long as they are accepted by CPhT you are fee to use the same

3. Do I have to be a CPhT-Adv to apply for the exam?
   a. No. You just have to meet the minimum oncology experience. CPhT working in an oncology setting for a minimum of 12 months and non-CPhT working in an oncology setting for a minimum of 24 months

4. Is there study material available as a part of the certification program?
   a. Yes. OPTA has created an Active Learner Study Guide that is available on NCODA Connect and OPTA page on the NCODA website. As the program continues to grow, we will be implementing more study materials and CE prep courses. www.NCODA.org

5. What is the passing score?
   a. Passing score is 750. Each question is worth 1 point. You will receive partial credit for the answers correctly for the matching and select all questions

6. Do I pay before or after my application is accepted?
   a. The application fee of $25 is due at time of application submission. Once application has been approved, you will receive an email notification for approval to scheduled exam and the certification fee of $125 will be due at that time.

7. How long does it take to prepare for the certification?
   a. This is something that OPTA cannot determine because if differs for each candidate, and largely depends on your experience level. We do encourage you to study prior to applying for the certification.

8. How many questions are on the exam?
    a. There are 100 questions on the exam that consist of multiple choice, select all and matching.

9. How often do I need to recertify?
    a. Recertification is every 2 years.