

Optioncare of the Quad Cities is pleased to announce that Cindy Swanson, RN, has recently passed the Certified Registered Nurse Infusion (CRNI) examination.

The Infusion Nurses Certification Corporation (INCC) held the examination in September 2008. The total candidate pass rate was 74.1 percent; candidates taking the test for the first time passed the exam at a rate of 74.3 percent. There are currently 3,373 CRNI®s. The CRNI® credential is available to nurses who have current, active, unrestricted RN license and at least 1,600 hours of infusion therapy experience accumulated over the two years prior to exam application.

The CRNI® Examination tests the knowledge of registered nurses with infusion nursing experience. The content of the exam is based on nine core content areas. The core content areas and the following test specifications are based on a job analysis that was modified in 2008 to reflect the current infusion nursing industry: Technology and Clinical Applications (25.3%); Fluid and Electrolyte Balance (13.3%); Pharmacology (13.3%); Infection Control (13.3%); Pediatrics (5.3%); Transfusion Therapy (5.3%); Antineoplastic/Biologic Therapy (10.6%); Parenteral Nutrition (6.6%); and Performance Improvement (6.6%).

Cindy Swanson is a 1993 graduate of Trinity School of Nursing with an Associate Degree in Nursing. She has experiences in gastroenterology, dialysis, oncology, pediatrics and mental health. She is a Registered Nurse licensed both in Iowa and Illinois and has been employed with Optioncare since June of 2006 as an RN Case Manager and provides home infusion services to Optioncare clients. She is actively involved with the local chapter of the Crohns/Colitis Foundation Association (CCFA).

“This is a great achievement for Cindy. Optioncare is very proud to have her as a part of our infusion team. The scope of her knowledge she brings to our patients is invaluable in adding to the quality of their care” states Kathy Goodwin, RN, owner.