

# Patient Navigation

## Transform care through a new navigation training and credentialing program

The American Cancer Society Leadership in Oncology Navigation (ACS LION™) is a standardized training and credentialing program that helps patient navigators deliver essential nonclinical support to individuals, caregivers, and families facing cancer.

Now available, the program meets the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) training requirements for "Principal Illness Navigation" reimbursement, as introduced in the 2024 CMS Physician Fee Schedule, and is aligned to professional oncology navigation (PONT) standards.

### Support your navigation workforce and oncology practice

To date, navigation has been inconsistently available, and types and depth of services have varied. Training and credentialing will help build a standardized professional knowledge base and positively impact oncology patients by expanding access to high-quality navigation programs and services. Standardized training will also help reduce barriers and health disparities among various patient groups.



ACS LION is designed for any individual seeking recognition for providing professional nonclinical navigation aligned to CMS competencies and PONT standards, including but not limited to:

- Patient Navigator/Oncology Patient Navigator
- Professional Navigator
- Social Worker
- Nurse Navigator
- Community Health Worker
- Promotores/Promotoras de salud
- Financial Navigator
- Clinical Trial Navigator
- Patient Care Coordinator
- Registered Nurse
- Licensed Practical Nurse

### Learn more about the program and enrollment



Visit [cancer.org/NavigationCredential](https://cancer.org/NavigationCredential) or scan the QR code to learn more about ACS LION and how to enroll.

The program is \$495 per learner. Opportunities for program access assistance are available. Please email [ACSLION@cancer.org](mailto:ACSLION@cancer.org) for more information.

# Training and credentialing program information

## Key program details

- The program is completed online and is self-paced (except for the program assessment).
- There is no in-person requirement.
- The program should be completed on a desktop or laptop computer for the best experience.
- Modules and quizzes do not have to be completed in one sitting; progress will be saved.
- However, the program assessment must be completed in one sitting at a desktop or laptop computer with a webcam and microphone (tablets are not supported). To demonstrate competency, the assessment is a live, proctored exam, through the computer, with a time limit.
- Re-credentialing and continuing education will be aligned with CMS requirements.

### In order to earn the credential, learners must:

1. Complete all 10 modules in the program.
2. Complete all quizzes with a score of at least 80%.
3. Complete the program assessment with a score of at least 80%.
4. Complete all above requirements within 90 days of enrolling in the program.

## Program modules

1. Navigation Basics
2. Cancer Basics
3. Person-centered Assessments
4. Health System Services Access and Coordination
5. Community-based Services Access and Coordination
6. Community Assessment
7. Patient and Family Communication
8. Promoting Patient Self-Advocacy
9. Facilitation of Person-centered Support
10. Professionalism and Ethical Conduct

## Get implementation support

In addition to training and credentialing, the American Cancer Society will continue to serve as a national convener of stakeholders interested in the implementation, evaluation, and sustainability of patient navigation.

Visit [cancer.org/NavigationCredential](https://cancer.org/NavigationCredential) or scan the QR code for a variety of resources to help oncology providers build effective and efficient professional navigation services.

