



CHOOSING WOUND/OSTOMY CARE CERTIFICATION?

| | WOCNCB® | NAWCO® | ABWM® |
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| ELIGIBILITY For Exam | | | |
| Licensure Requirement | Licensed RN (minimum) | Any licensed healthcare professional | Any licensed healthcare professional |
| Education and Clinical Experience Requirement | Bachelor's Degree and complete WOC Education Program accredited by the WOCN Society Precepted through the WOC Education Programs | Complete Skin and Wound Management Course from WCEI and: 2 years experience or 120 precepted clinical hours | 3 years wound care experience |
| Alternative experiential pathway for nurses who cannot attend WOC Education Program | ✓ 1500 clinical hours related to wound care within past 5 years plus 50 CE specialty credits | ✓ 4 years full-time involvement in wound care plus 60 CE credits in past 5 years | |
| RECERTIFICATION | | | |
| Recertification Term | 5 years | 5 years | 10 years |
| Recertify by Exam | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Alternative Recertification Pathway Offered | ✓ Online submission of Professional Growth Portfolio (PGP) | ✓ | |
| APPLICATION/FEES | | | |
| Online Application Processing and Computer-Based Exams | ✓ | | |
| Deadlines | ✓ No application deadlines; up to 12 months' eligibility to sit for WOCNCB exam. | Four weeks prior to the date that you are requesting to test. | 15 days prior to desired exam date. |
| Exam Fees | ✓ \$395 Plus \$115 (or less) for additional WOCNCB exam taken WTA-C exam fee is \$250 | \$300 Plus \$30 for processing | \$575 |
| No Annual Maintenance Fees | ✓ | ✓ | \$150 (\$1500 for 10 year credential period) |

WOCNCB® is the only certification for Wound, Ostomy, Continence and Foot Care nursing that is accredited by BOTH ABSNC and NCCA.



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