

Choosing a Wound Care Certification?



Choose the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board: The Gold Standard for Certification®

Credentialing Nurses since 1978. Offering multi-level credentialing to help nurses climb their clinical ladder from LPN to APN.

	CWCN®	WTA-C®	NAWCO® WCC®	ABWM® CWS®	ABWM® CWCA™
Only Certifies Nurses	X	X			
Accredited by NCCA	X		X	X	
Accredited by ABSNC	X				
Online Application & Exam	X	X	X		
No Annual Fee	X	X	X		
Live Remote Proctoring Available	X	X	X		
Eligible for GI Funding	X				
Eligible for COOL	X			X	
Rebate offered*	X	X			

*Exam rebate offered for Department of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Indian Health Services, US Public Health Service and U.S. military veterans.

The WOCNCB certification recognizes competency in a specialized nursing practice that reflects **both didactic and clinical education and experience**. The examination content is based upon WOCNCB's Job Analysis Study of nurses practicing in the specialty.

Eligibility for Exam:	CWCN®	WTA-C®	NAWCO® WCC®	ABWM® CWS®	ABWM® CWCA™
Licensure Requirement	RN license	LPN/LVN or RN license	Any licensed healthcare professional	Any licensed healthcare professional	Non healthcare professionals eligible
Education	BA and complete WOC Education Program accredited by WOCN Society	Complete WTA or SWA program	Complete Skin & Wound Management Course from WCEI	BA 3 years wound care experience	High school diploma or equivalent unrestricted professional license
Clinical	Precepted through the WOC Education Program	16 clinical hours under direct supervision of wound care expert	2 years experience or 120 precepted clinical hours		3 years of combined wound experience
Alternative experiential pathway	1500 clinical hours related to wound care within past 5 years plus 50 CE specialty credits	24 CEs specific to wound care 160 hours of clinical preceptorship Completed clinical skills check list	4 year full-time involvement in wound care plus 60 CE credits in past 5 years		
Recertification term	5 years	5 years	5 years	10 years	10 years
Exam Fees	\$395 Less if taking additional WOCNCB exams	\$250	\$350 Plus \$30 processing fee	\$595 Plus \$175 annual fee (\$1750 for 10 year credential period)	\$375 Plus \$175 annual fee (\$1750 for 10 year credential period)
Other specialties or levels offered	Foot Care (CFCN), Advanced Practice WOC				

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Accredited specialty nursing certification has become an important guidepost for healthcare facilities seeking Magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).



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