



## Press Release

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### WOCNCB Certification Programs Reaccredited by ABSNC

#### For Immediate Release

**Milwaukee, WI February 28, 2011** The Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Certification Board ([WOCNCB](http://www.WOCNCB.org)) announces that the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC) has reaccredited the CWOCN®, CWCN®, COCN®, and CCCN® certification programs and has granted initial accreditation of the CWON® program. ABSNC is the standard setting body for specialty nursing certification programs and offers a very stringent and comprehensive accreditation process. *Accreditation status is granted for five years.*

The WOCNCB provided extensive documentation demonstrating that it has met the 18 American Board of Nursing (ABNS) standards of quality. According to Diana Gallagher, MS, RN, CWOCN, CFCN, CHT and President of the WOCNCB, "Accreditation by the ABSNC is a hallmark of the quality of WOCNCB certification. It means that a nationally recognized accrediting body has determined that the CWOCN, CWCN, COCN, CCCN and CWON credentials are based on a valid and reliable testing process. Further, ABSNC accreditation indicates that the structures in place to administer the examinations meet and even exceed the standards of the certification industry from a legal, regulatory and association management perspective."

In her congratulatory letter to the WOCNCB, Bonnie Niebuhr, MS, RN, CAE and Chief Executive Officer of the ABSNC stated, "We recognize that the accreditation process is a stringent one, but one that recognizes the value that an organization like yours places on providing for high quality nursing certification programs." For further information about ABNS and the ABSNC accreditation process and standards, visit their website at [www.nursingcertification.org](http://www.nursingcertification.org).

#### About WOCNCB

The [Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board](http://www.WOCNCB.org) is a professional, non-profit, 501 (c) (6) organization dedicated to providing consumer safety and protection by offering credentialing in the areas of wound, ostomy, continence and foot care nursing to registered nurses who meet WOCNCB's stringent qualifications and pass its certification examination. WOCNCB certified nurses provide quality care to patients in a variety of settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, and home healthcare. WOCNCB has certified more than 6,100 registered nurses worldwide. WOCNCB's wound, ostomy and continence certifications are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, a program of [the Institute for Credentialing Excellence](http://www.InstituteForCredentialingExcellence.org) (ICE), and the [Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification](http://www.ABSNC.org), formerly the accreditation committee of the American Board of Specialty Nursing (ABNS). For more information, write us at WOCNCB, 555 E. Wells Street, Suite #1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202; call (888) 496-2622; e-mail [marketingmanager@wocncb.org](mailto:marketingmanager@wocncb.org); or visit [www.wocncb.org](http://www.wocncb.org).

The wound, ostomy and continence certifications of the WOCNCB are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC), formerly the accreditation committee of the American Board of Specialty Nursing (ABNS).

