

News Release

WOCNCB launched new credential in June 2005
Certified Wound Ostomy Continence Nurse – Advanced Practice (CWOCN-AP)

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Beginning in June 2005, the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing

Certification Board (WOCNCB) is offering a new certification credential to Registered

Nurses (RNs) who wish to demonstrate their advanced specialty knowledge as a

certified WOC nurse.

The WOCNCB is dedicated to providing consumer safety and protection by offering this new credential in the area of advanced practice nursing. Many RNs who are currently certified as an entry-level WOC nurse and hold a Graduate level NP or CNS are providing advanced-level care to patients. These individuals are recognized as leaders in their profession and this certification demonstrates their contributions to the art and science of WOC nursing. The advanced practice credential validates personal achievement and recognition of advanced knowledge in the WOC specialty and may be used in seeking advanced nursing licensure.

A panel of experts was surveyed to determine the role delineation of an advanced practice WOC specialty nurse. This was the basis for what was included in the professional portfolio methodology of certification.

For more information, or to review eligibility requirements and advanced practice handbook, contact the WOCNCB, (888) 496-2622, info@wocncb.org or visit the www.wocncb.org website.



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