

	WOCNCB®	NAWC®	AAWM	
	Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board	National Alliance of Wound Care	American Academy of Wound Management	
Credential(s) Offered	<p>CWCN® – Certified Wound Care Nurse</p> <p>CWOCN®, COCN®, CCCN®, CWON™, plus Advanced Practice credentialing in wound, ostomy, or continence nursing. Foot care certification offered for RNs at all levels (CFCN®)</p> <p>Credentials are offered to Registered Nurses with a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree</p> <p>Established: 1978 Term of Certification: 5 years</p>	<p>WCC® – Wound Care Certified</p> <p>Credentials are offered to Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical/ Vocational Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physical Therapists, Physical Therapist Assistants, Occupational Therapists, Physicians, or Physician's Assistants with active, unrestricted licenses</p> <p>Established : 2002 Term of Certification: 5 years</p>	<p>CWS® - Certified Wound Specialist</p> <p>Credentials are offered to any licensed healthcare professional with a Bachelors, Masters or Doctoral degree in a life sciences related field</p> <p>Established: 1995 Term of Certification: 10 years</p>	<p>CWCA™ - Certified Wound Care Associate</p> <p>Credentials are offered to any licensed healthcare professional with at least 3 years clinical experience</p> <p>Established: 1997 Term of Certification: 10 years</p>
Accreditation	<p>Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC), the only national body to independently accredit nursing specialty certification programs (CWOCN®, CWCN®, COCN®, CCCN®)</p> <p>National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), an administratively independent resource recognized as the authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations/ programs (CWOCN®, CWCN®, COCN®, CCCN®)</p>	<p>National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), an administratively independent resource recognized as the authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations/programs (WCC®)</p>	<p>National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), an administratively independent resource re-cognized as the authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations or programs (CWS®)</p>	<p>No independent accreditation of certification program</p>
Entry-level Eligibility for Credential(s): Didactic Education and Clinical Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RN licensure AND • Bachelors Degree or higher AND • 40 hours of didactic wound specialty education in a WOCN Society-accredited single specialty wound care program and 20 additional hours dedicated to meet student learning needs AND 40 hours of precepted clinical practice in a WOCN Society accredited single- or tri-specialty wound care program <p>An experiential pathway is available for nurses who cannot attend a WOCN Society-accredited program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professions listed above AND • Currently active in care of wound patients, or in management, education, or research directly related to wound care while actively licensed for at least two years full-time/four years part-time within the past five years AND • Successful completion of ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-day training program consisting of classroom training and lab practice offered by WCEI • Current certification through AAWM as a CWS or WOCNCB as a CWOCN®, CWCN®, or CWON™ • Experiential Option (four years of licensed full-time wound care experience out of last five years plus 60 contact hours in skin and wound care) • Preceptorship of 120 clinical hours may be substituted for the required work experience in the 2nd bullet above, and must be completed within one year of successful course completion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupations listed above AND • Must have a Bachelors Degree or higher in a life sciences related field AND • Must have three (3) years of clinical experience in wound care <p>No additional supervised practicum required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupations listed above AND • Must have three (3) years of clinical experience in wound care <p>No additional didactic education required.</p> <p>No additional supervised practicum required</p>
Exam Fees	\$300 examination fee. No annual maintenance fees.	\$330 examination/application fee. No annual maintenance fees. For those taking the course, exam fee is included in course fee	\$550 examination fee with \$150 annual fee to maintain certification (\$1900 total)	\$300 examination fee with \$150 annual fee to maintain (\$1650 total)
Recertification Requirements	<p><u>Recertification Fee: \$300</u></p> <p>Successful completion of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination • Portfolio submission (minimum of 10 CE credits plus professional activities or projects related to specialty focus) 	<p>Successful completion of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination (fee \$330) • Wound Management Training Course \$530 (No exam required) • Continuing Education (60 hours) • Continuing Education and Outreach Program (30 hours plus community outreach, and either publication, research or leadership) 	<p><u>Recertification Fee: \$400</u></p> <p>Minimum of (6) CEUs annually.</p> <p>Self-Assessment examination every 10 years</p>	<p><u>Recertification Fee: \$300</u></p> <p>Minimum of (6) CEUs annually.</p> <p>Self-Assessment examination every 10 years</p>