

News Release

Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB) Receives Re-Accreditation of its Certification Programs from the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)

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WASHINGTON (January 23, 2006) – The NCCA re-accredited the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board's Certified Wound Care Nurse (CWCN), and Certified Ostomy Care Nurse (COCN), and Certified Continence Care Nurse (CCCN) and Certified Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nurse (CWOCN) programs for a five-year period, expiring March 31, 2011, during its recent meeting.

Founded in 1978, WOCNCB is a professional organization dedicated to providing consumer safety and protection by offering credentialing in the areas of wound, ostomy and continence care nursing. Currently, more than 4,600 are certified to use the CCCN, COCN, CWCN, and CWOCN designations. The WOCNCB first received NCCA accreditation in 2001.

The WOCNCB received renewal of NCCA accreditation of its CCCN, COCN, CWCN, and CWOCN programs by submitting an application demonstrating the programs' compliance with the NCCA's *Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs*. NCCA is the accrediting body of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA). Since 1977, the NCCA has been accrediting certifying programs based on the highest quality standards in professional certification to ensure the programs adhere to modern standards of practice in the certification industry. To view the standards visit <http://www.noca.org/ncca/ncca.htm>.

NCCA accredited programs certify individuals in a wide range of professions and occupations including nurses, respiratory therapists, counselors, emergency technicians, automotive professionals, crane operators and more. Of NOCA's 384 members, 67 have accredited programs.

NOCA's mission is to promote excellence in competency assurance for practitioners in all occupations and professions. NCCA was created in 1987 by NOCA as a commission whose mission is to help ensure the health, welfare and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of certification programs/organizations that assess professional competence. NCCA uses a peer review process to: establish accreditation standards; evaluate compliance with these standards; recognize organizations/programs which demonstrate compliance; and serve as a resource on quality certification.

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