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The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Certification Board is a professional organization dedicated to providing consumer safety and protection by offering credentialing in the areas of wound, ostomy and continence care nursing.



WOCNCB is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies



WOCNCB is accredited by the American Board of Nursing Specialties

Certification in Wound, Ostomy & Continence Nursing

The WOCNCB is committed to providing consumer safety and protection by offering certification credentials in the areas of wound, ostomy and continence nursing. Toward that end, the WOCNCB established a WOC Examination Committee, comprised of expert nurses who are responsible for assuring the examination meets the ongoing changes in each specialty.

Nurses who meet the following eligibility requirements can certify by completing the application as outlined in the Candidate Handbook. Upon successfully passing the certification exam, credentials will be awarded for 5 years. There are more than 4,300 WOC nurses credentialed with the WOCNCB.

Eligibility requirements

- ▶ Be currently licensed as a Registered Nurse
- ▶ Hold a baccalaureate degree
- ▶ Fulfill ONE of the following requirements:

1. Accredited Education Program Track

Complete a WOC Nursing Education Program that is accredited by WOCN. (Visit www.wocncb.org website to access list of programs, and contact them directly for more information.)

2. Graduate Level Track

Complete a graduate-level program in nursing with documentation of graduate clinical course work equivalent to two semester hours in each specialty for which certification is sought.

3. Experiential Track

*Have 50 contact hours (CEU) over the last five years within each specialty for which certification is sought.
Have 1,500 clinical experience hours over the last five years within each specialty for which certification is sought.*

To request a copy of the Candidate Handbook, contact the WOCNCB, 1-888-496-2622 or e-mail: info@wocncb.org. The handbook may also be downloaded and printed from the www.wocncb.org website.