


Choosing Wound / Ostomy Certification?

Choose the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Certification Board: The Gold Standard for Certification®

		National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy NAWCO®	American Board of Wound Management ABWM®
HISTORY			
<p><u>Credentiaing Over 30 Years</u> Credentials for wound care Credentials for ostomy care Credentials for continence care Credentials for foot care</p> <p>Certifying only RNs (and higher)</p> <p>International Credentialing</p>	<p>✓ Est. 1978</p> <p>✓ ✓ ✓ ✓</p> <p>✓ More than 7,100 RNs hold WOCNCB credentials</p> <p>✓ CWOCN® - Certified Wound Ostomy Continence Nurse CWON® – Certified Wound Ostomy Nurse CWCN® – Certified Wound Care Nurse CCCN® – Certified Continence Care Nurse COCN® – Certified Ostomy Care Nurse CFCN® – Certified Foot Care Nurse</p> <p>Advanced Practice (AP) designations also available: CWOCN-AP, CWON-AP, CWCN-AP, COCN-AP, CCCN-AP</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>Est. 2002</p> <p>✓ ✓</p> <p>All healthcare professionals (# RNs unknown)</p> <p>WCC* DWC OMS LLE</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Est. 1995</p> <p>✓</p> <p>All healthcare professionals (# RNs unknown)</p> <p>CWS* CWSP CWCA CWSP</p> <p>No</p>
ACCREDITATION			
<p>ABSNC (Accreditation Board of Specialty Nursing Certification)</p> <p>-Accredited Certification Programs</p> <p>NCCA-Accredited Certification Programs</p> <p>Education Programs</p>	<p>✓ CWOCN ✓ CWON ✓ CWCN ✓ CCCN ✓ COCN</p> <p>✓ CWOCN ✓ CWON ✓ CWCN ✓ CCCN ✓ COCN</p> <p>✓ WOC Education Programs accredited by the WOCN Society</p>	<p>None</p> <p>✓ WCC</p>	<p>None</p> <p>✓ CWS</p>

ELIGIBILITY For Examination			
	WOCNCB®	NAWCO®	ABWM®
Licensure Requirement	Licensed RN (minimum)	Any licensed healthcare professional	Any licensed healthcare professional
Education and Experience Requirement	Any Bachelor's Degree <i>(not required for Foot Care Certification until Jan. 1, 2015)</i> and Complete WOC Education Program accredited by the WOCN Society includes precepted clinical hours through the WOC Education Program	Complete the Skin and Wound Management Course (or Ostomy Management Specialist course) from WCEI Wound Certification – Plus 2 years direct wound care experience or 120 precepted clinical hours	BS (or higher) in a life science field 3 years direct wound care experience (CWS) High school diploma or equivalent and 3 years of wound care experience (CWCA) MD, DO, DPM and 3 years wound care experience (CWSP)
Alternative experiential pathway for nurses who cannot attend WOCN Education Program	✓ 1500 clinical hours plus 50 CE credits in specialty in past 5 years		
RECERTIFICATION TERM	5 years	5 years	10 years
Recertification by Professional Portfolio option	✓ Submission of demonstrated professional activities related to specialty	✓ 30 CE's plus either publication research or leadership activity	None
TEST DEVELOPMENT	✓ Role Delineation Study of nurses RN or higher practicing in each specialty used by peer volunteers and professional psychometricians to create exam	Job practice analysis	✓ Role delineation study
Test Development by Nursing Peers			
APPLICATION / FEES			
Online Application Processing	✓	No - paper application only	No - paper application only
Deadlines	✓ No application deadlines; up to 12 months' eligibility to sit for WOCNCB exam.	Four weeks prior to the date that you are requesting to test.	Fifteen business days prior to desired exam date. Up to six months eligibility to sit for exam.
Exam Fees	✓ \$375 one specialty exam Plus \$115 for each additional specialty WOCNCB exam taken	\$300 Plus \$30 for processing	\$575 (CWS) \$375 (CWCA) \$995 (CWSP)
No Annual Maintenance Fees	✓	✓	\$150 (\$1500 for 10 year credential period)

WOCNCB Credentials

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 Advanced Practice (AP) designation are also available
 CWOCN-AP®, CWON-AP®, etc.

NAWC Credentials

WCC® - Wound Care Certified
 DWC® - Diabetic Wound Certified

AAWM Credentials

CWS® - Certified Wound Specialist
 CWCA® - Certified Wound Care Associate
 CWSP® - Certified Wound Specialist Physician