

**WOCNCB® Comparison of Wound Certification Programs\***

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	WOCNCB® Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board	NAWC® National Alliance of Wound Care	AAWM American Academy of Wound Management	
<b>Credential(s) Offered</b>	<p><b>CWCN® – Certified Wound Care Nurse</b></p> <p><b>CWOCN®, COCN®, CCCN®, CWON™</b>, 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><b>Established: 1978</b> <b>Term of Certification: 5 years</b></p>	<p><b>WCC® – Wound Care Certified</b></p> <p>Credentials are offered to Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical/ Vocational Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physical Therapists, Physical Therapy Assistants, Occupational Therapists, Physicians, or Physician's Assistants with active, unrestricted licenses.</p> <p><b>Established : 2002</b> <b>Term of Certification: 5 years</b></p>	<p><b>CWS® - Certified Wound Specialist</b></p> <p>Credentials are offered to any licensed healthcare professional with a Bachelors, Doctoral or Master's degree in life sciences related field</p> <p><b>Established: 1995</b> <b>Term of Certification: 10 years</b></p>	<p><b>CWCA™ - Certified Wound Care Associate</b></p> <p>Credentials are offered to any licensed healthcare professional with at least 3 years clinical experience.</p> <p><b>Term of Certification: 10 years</b></p>
<b>Accreditation</b>	<p><b>American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS)</b>, the only national body to independently accredit <b>nursing specialty certification</b> programs. (CWOCN®, CWCN®, COCN®, CCCN®)</p> <p><b>National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)</b>, an administratively independent resource recognized as the <b>authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations/programs.</b> (CWOCN®, CWCN®, COCN®, CCCN®)</p>	<p><b>National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)</b>, an administratively independent resource recognized as the <b>authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations/programs.</b></p>	<p><b>National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)</b>, an administratively independent resource recognized as the <b>authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations or programs.</b></p>	<p><b>No independent accreditation</b> of certification program.</p>
<b>Entry-level Eligibility for Credential(s): Didactic Education and Clinical Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RN licensure AND</li> <li>• Bachelors Degree or higher AND</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 40 hours of precepted clinical practice in a WOCN Society accredited single- or tri-specialty wound care program</li> </ul> <p>(Graduate and experiential options are also available)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professions listed above AND</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• AND must meet ONE of the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-day training program consisting of classroom training and lab practice</li> <li>• Current certification through AAWM or WOCNCB</li> <li>• Experiential Option</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>No additional supervised practicum required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupations listed above AND</li> <li>• Must have a Bachelors Degree or higher in a life sciences related field</li> <li>• Must have three (3) years of clinical experience in wound care</li> </ul> <p>No additional supervised practicum required</p> <p>(Experience is part of the eligibility requirements.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupations listed above AND</li> <li>• Must have three years of clinical experience in wound care</li> </ul> <p>No additional didactic education required</p> <p>No additional supervised practicum required</p> <p>(Experience is part of the eligibility requirements.)</p>
<b>Exam Fees</b>	<p>\$300 for the wound specialty certification plus \$50 for each additional specialty certification.</p>	<p>\$330 initial examination fee. No annual maintenance fees. For those taking the training course, exam fee is included in course fee. Visit <a href="http://www.wcei.net">www.wcei.net</a> for current course fees.</p>	<p>\$550 initial exam fee with \$150 annual fee to maintain certification. (\$1900 total)</p>	<p>\$300 initial exam fee with \$150 annual fee to maintain. (\$1650 total)</p>
<b>Recertification Requirements</b>	<p>Successful completion of one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examination (\$300 fee)</li> <li>Portfolio submission (minimum of 10 CE credits plus professional activities or projects related to specialty focus.)</li> </ol>	<p>Recertification Fee \$330. Successful completion of one of the following is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination</li> <li>• Wound Management Certification Training Course (no exam required) Visit <a href="http://www.wcei.net">www.wcei.net</a> for current course fee.</li> <li>• Continuing Education (60 contact hours)</li> <li>• Continuing Education and Outreach Program (CEOP) (30 contact hours plus community outreach and publication, presentation, leadership or research)</li> </ul>	<p>Minimum of (6) CEUs annually. Self-Assessment examination every 10 years. Fee: \$400.</p>	<p>Minimum of (6) CEUs annually. Self-Assessment examination every 10 years. Fee: \$300</p>