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**National Alliance of Wound Care Receives Accreditation of Wound Care Certified Program from the National Commission for Certifying Agencies**

GLENDALE, WI — The National Alliance of Wound Care (NAWC) is excited to announce that on September 11, 2008, its wound care certification program was granted a five-year accreditation by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). This accreditation demonstrates the program's compliance with the *NCCA Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs*. NCCA is the accrediting body of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA). The NAWC awards qualified healthcare professionals with the Wound Care Certified (WCC) credential.

Founded in 2003, the NAWC has credentialed more than 6,000 multi-disciplinary healthcare professionals (including registered nurses, advanced practice nurses, medical doctors, physical therapists, licensed vocational/practical nurses, doctors of osteopathic medicine, physician assistants, podiatrists, physical therapy assistants and occupational therapists), thus making the NAWC one of the largest wound care-credentialing boards in the United States. According to Debra Hecker, RN, MBA, WCC, Executive Director of NAWC, "This accreditation is a huge milestone for our organization, our WCCs and the patients they care for. It proves that our process and standards meet the rigorous requirements set forth by the NCCA — we could not ask for a better stamp of approval on our program."

The NAWC is proud to join an elite group of more than 90 organizations representing over 200 programs that have received and maintained NCCA accreditation.

To learn more about NCCA accreditation, please visit <http://www.noca.org/ncca>.

The National Alliance of Wound Care is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the advancement and promotion of excellence in wound care through the certification of wound care practitioners in the United States. To learn more about the National Alliance of Wound Care visit [www.nawccb.org](http://www.nawccb.org).