



# Make a **Difference** Become a **WCC**<sup>®</sup>

## **WCC** Certification:

- Acknowledges your tested competency in the specialty of skin and wound management
- Provides the industry recognition you deserve
- Reinforces your expertise to advance your career
- Increases your income potential



**NATIONAL ALLIANCE  
OF WOUND CARE**



*"We have the power to change the standard of care in wound care."*

Kathy, RN, WCC  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

# The Right Choice

When considering wound care certification, choose the credential that aligns best with your lifestyle.

The nationally accredited WCC® certification is the number one wound care credential in the United States because of its flexible certification pathways. There are over 12,000 multi-discipline WCCs making a difference in the lives of their patients and improving the quality of wound care every day.

## WCC Growth:

Cumulative WCC Growth per Year



*"I decided to add supplemental work at a different hospital. The manager read my resume and saw the WCC wound care certification. She immediately asked me if I could begin working the next day. My WCC certification is a great extra!"*

**Annette, RN, WCC**  
Zebulon, North Carolina



# Nationally Accredited Certification

The tested proficiency of WCCs sets them apart from wound care clinicians of untested industry societies or associations. The WCC credential is the new standard for wound care certification throughout the continuum of care.

The WCC credential is available only from the highly acclaimed National Alliance of Wound Care® (NAWC®), the largest and fastest growing wound care credentialing organization in the world. NAWC believes wound care certification should be available to all qualified candidates, without programs that involve months of long distance courses and extensive preceptorships that can take you away from your job and family.

Our pathways are straightforward (see *WCC Eligibility in this brochure*). Depending on your individual experience, WCC certification can be attained in as little as four (4) days.

The WCC credential is good for five (5) years and does not require ongoing annual fees to maintain your status.

As a WCC candidate, once you fulfill the eligibility requirements for certification (see *WCC Eligibility in this brochure*), you may sit for the NAWC® WCC Certification Examination.

## Accreditation

The WCC credential is fully accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). NCCA was created in 1987 by ICE (*formally NOCA*) to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of certification programs that assess professional competence.

Accreditation assures that when WCC is listed after your name, you have achieved the highest level of competency available in wound care today.



# Make the Most of Your WCC® Credential

Upon passing the national WCC Certification Examination, you will be entitled to use the initials "WCC" to designate your status. It is important that you include WCC with all your credentials. After all, you earned it and you deserve the recognition that comes along with being a WCC.

## The NAWC®

As a WCC, you are automatically a member of the NAWC family. NAWC is both the credentialing board and professional association. The NAWC association offers professional leadership opportunities for WCCs through its member programs and initiatives.

## Leadership Opportunities

As a WCC, you've already demonstrated your expertise in wound care at the clinical level. The leadership opportunities available from NAWC allow you to grow and expand both personally and professionally.

*"Being part of the National Alliance of Wound Care has by far been my best choice for professional development. No other organization brings more nurses, physicians, therapists and faculty together to understand the present and to shape the future of wound care in the United States..."*

**Bradley, PT, WCC**  
Portland Oregon



# The LINC™ Program

This national initiative involves hundreds of WCCs from around the country who share a passion for wound care. The LINC program opens avenues for WCCs to share their individual expertise in one or more of several special interest sections. LINC section outcomes are all designed to foster collaboration by members to support and “give back” to all WCCs. Active participation in a section of this program helps satisfy one of your WCC recertification requirements.

## Examination Item Writing

This initiative enables WCCs to get involved with writing questions for the nationally accredited WCC Certification Examination. WCCs who would like to try their hand at “item writing” may contact NAWC for details. There may even be a place for you on our Certification Committee, which writes and reviews all items used on the exam. Active participation on this committee helps satisfy one of your WCC recertification requirements.



# Online Job Resource Center

The NAWC online Job Resource Center, WOUND CARE CAREERS, is located on the home page of the NAWC website. This specialty job board features "wound care only" positions throughout the continuum of care.

New career development resources are available to any registered job seeker, allowing you to promote your experience and skills to potential employers in a professional manner.



## NAWC Resources

NAWC continually develops new programs and resources to support its members. One resource is the "Members Only" Support Site. This portal offers personal development tools, templates, educational resources and a secure online forum for members to discuss issues and to network with each other.

## The NAWC website, Your Online Portal For:

- Industry & association news
- Vocational resource tools
- Secure WCC networking
- Instant credential verification
- Locate a certified clinician



# WCC Eligibility

Candidates for the NAWC WCC Certification Exam must meet the following criteria:

1. Have an active, unrestricted license as a RN, LPN, LVN, NP, PT, PTA, OT, MD, DO, DPM or PA.
2. Meet one of the following:
  - A. Education Option**
    1. Successfully complete the NAWC approved "Skin and Wound Management Course".
    2. Documentation of active involvement in the care of wound care patients, or in management, education or research directly related to wound care while actively licensed for at least two (2) years full-time/four (4) years part-time within the past five (5) years.
  - B. Certification Option**
    1. Licensed healthcare professionals who currently hold an accredited certification in wound care. (CWS<sup>®</sup>, CWCN<sup>®</sup>, CWON<sup>®</sup> and CWOCN<sup>®</sup>)
    2. Documentation of active involvement in the care of wound care patients, or in management, education or research directly related to wound care while actively licensed for at least two (2) years full-time/four (4) years part-time within the past five (5) years.
  - C. Experiential Option**
    1. Documentation of active involvement in the care of wound care patients, or in management, education or research directly related to wound care while actively licensed for at least four (4) years full-time within the past five (5) years.
    2. Sixty (60) contact hours in skin and wound care within the past five (5) years. To receive credit, the contact hours must be from an accredited provider of continuing nursing education by American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (ANCC); or an approved course from American Physical Therapy Association, (APTA), National Alliance of Wound Care (NAWC<sup>®</sup>), Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME), or American Medical Association (AMA).
  - D. Preceptor Option**
    1. Successfully complete the NAWC approved "Skin and Wound Management Course."
    2. Minimum of 120 hours of hands-on clinical training with a NAWC approved clinical preceptor after completion of the NAWC approved "Skin and Wound Management Course".

NAWC approved  
Skin and Wound Management Course  
is offered by:



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