



## **Darsi Turnipseed PTA, WCC**

### **A Lifetime of Dedication to Wound Care and Helping Others Thrive**

This month, NAWCO is especially proud to recognize someone who is truly part of our own family—Darsi Turnipseed, PTA, WCC, our Director of Admissions and this month's Outstanding WCC. With more than 30 years of experience in healthcare, Darsi's career reflects a deep commitment to patient care, education, and helping others achieve better outcomes.

Darsi began her healthcare journey in 1988, earning her Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) degree from Southern Illinois University. She started her career in the outpatient therapy department at a community hospital, where she was first introduced to wound care. It was there that she developed an early interest in wound management and gained hands-on experience in debridement and treatment techniques—laying the foundation for a lifelong passion.

In 1992, Darsi transitioned into a role as a traveling therapist in long-term care, where she combined rehabilitation with wound care treatments. Utilizing modalities such as hydrotherapy, electrical stimulation, and ultrasound, she was able to treat patients in a more holistic and functional way. This period became one of the most rewarding phases of her career, as she worked directly in patients' living environments—allowing her to develop realistic, patient-centered treatment plans that addressed the whole person, not just the wound.

After 10 years as a traveling therapist, Darsi returned to her original community hospital during a time of expansion. In this new role, she took on responsibility for acute care physical therapy as well as inpatient, outpatient, and home health wound care services. As her involvement in wound care deepened, she chose to earn her Wound Care Certification (WCC) through NAWCO, further solidifying her expertise.

Shortly after becoming certified, Darsi began working with NAWCO as a proctor for on-site exams, helping support and guide future certificants. She continued balancing her

clinical role until 2018, when she transitioned full-time to NAWCO as Director of Admissions, where she now plays a vital role in supporting candidates on their certification journey.

Throughout her career, Darsi has witnessed tremendous advancements in wound care and remains a strong advocate for continuous learning and professional development. Even though she is no longer working at the bedside, she stays actively engaged in the field—keeping up with the latest techniques, technologies, and best practices to ensure she remains a knowledgeable resource for others.

Outside of her professional work, Darsi is equally passionate about health, wellness, and prevention. A strong advocate for fitness and strength training, she owned and operated a CrossFit gym for many years, helping individuals improve their strength, prevent injuries, and lead healthier lives. Whether through wound care, rehabilitation, or fitness, Darsi has always been dedicated to helping others heal, grow, and thrive.

Darsi's career is a true reflection of compassion, commitment, and lifelong service to others. NAWCO is honored to have her as part of our team and our certified community.

Please join us in congratulating Darsi Turnipseed as this month's Outstanding WCC!

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Do you know someone going above and beyond like Darsi?

We'd love to hear their story. <https://www.nawccb.org/excellence-in-wound-care-nominees/>

