



Anna Gable Mackie, LPN, WCC, AWCC

A Passion for Education, a Commitment to Healing, and Positivity That Inspires

Have you ever met someone whose positivity is simply contagious? Someone whose enthusiasm and warmth can brighten your day after just a short conversation? Anna Gable Mackie, LPN, WCC, AWCC, is one of those people.

This month, NAWCO is proud to recognize Anna as our Outstanding WCC. With more than 30 years of nursing experience, Anna has built a career around her passion for wound healing, education, and helping other clinicians succeed. She is the founder and owner of Nurse-Owned Healing Solutions, LLC, where she specializes in education, training, and mentorship in Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT).

A WCC since 2010, Anna was also among the first clinicians to earn NAWCO's Advanced Wound Care Certified (AWCC) credential in 2019. She has shared her expertise as a speaker at the HEAL Conference for the past two years, bringing her knowledge and infectious enthusiasm to wound care professionals from across the country.

Anna's passion for wound care began early in her nursing career. She was drawn to the challenge of treating complex wounds and found tremendous

satisfaction in watching the healing process unfold. As she explored new treatments and technologies, she was introduced to Negative Pressure Wound Therapy, and her curiosity quickly grew into a passion.

Determined to master the technology, Anna learned everything she could about the NPWT system used at her facility. She became a trusted resource for her colleagues and began training other nurses on its proper use. She was also the first nurse in the United States to use the Prospera AMD gauze-based NPWT system, an experience that further fueled her interest in advancing wound care techniques.

For a time, Anna felt confident that she knew everything there was to know about the system she used. She understood the equipment, the application process, and how to troubleshoot problems. But attending a conference focused on NPWT changed her perspective.

She realized that while she had mastered *how* to use a particular system, there was still so much more to understand about *why* the therapy worked.

That realization became a turning point in her career.

Anna began exploring the science behind NPWT, studying different systems and developing a deeper understanding of the clinical principles that guide treatment decisions. She recognized that truly effective wound care required more than following instructions for a particular device. It required critical thinking, individualized treatment planning, and a thorough understanding of the wound itself.

That philosophy ultimately inspired Anna to establish Nurse-Owned Healing Solutions, LLC.

Today, Anna's approach to education goes far beyond teaching clinicians how to apply a wound vac. She focuses on helping them understand the science behind NPWT, recognize the unique needs of each wound, and make informed clinical decisions that support healing.

Anna refers to the clinicians and organizations she works with as partners, reflecting her belief that education should be an ongoing relationship rather than a one-time training session. Through coaching, mentorship, and continued collaboration, she helps her partners build confidence and strengthen their clinical skills.

One of the most important lessons she shares is that NPWT is not a one-size-fits-all treatment. Every wound presents its own challenges, and successful treatment requires an individualized approach. By helping clinicians understand the reasoning behind their decisions, Anna empowers them to provide more effective, patient-centered care.

For Anna, the greatest reward comes from sharing knowledge and watching others grow. Her passion for teaching is matched by the warmth, encouragement, and genuine positivity she brings to every interaction.

NAWCO is honored to recognize Anna Gable Mackie as this month's Outstanding WCC. Her commitment to lifelong learning, dedication to advancing NPWT education, and enthusiasm for helping others exemplify the very best of the wound care community.

Please join us in congratulating Anna and celebrating the lasting impact she continues to make on wound care professionals and the patients they serve!

Do you know a NAWCO credential holder making a difference like Anna? We would love to hear their story! [Nominate an outstanding clinician](#) and help us recognize those making a positive impact in wound care.