



DWC®
Candidate Examination
Handbook

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The National Alliance of Wound Care & Ostomy® (NAWCO®) 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. The Certification Committee of the NAWCO® is the governing body of the DWC® credential.

The aspiration of the NAWCO® is to unify wound care providers & practitioners from different educational backgrounds along the health care continuum in an effort to streamline the delivery of quality wound care.

The NAWCO® offers the "Diabetic Wound Certification Examination" to measure the academic and technical competence of eligible candidates in the area of Diabetic Wound Management beyond their basic wound care certification credential. The DWC® credential is performed in accordance with legislation code and practice guidelines as determined by each respective professional state regulatory/licensing board. Therefore, DWC® certification alone does not determine a practitioner's scope of practice.

NAWCO® does not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, creed, age, sex, national origin, religion, disability, marital status, parental status, ancestry, sexual orientation, military discharge status, source of income or any other reason prohibited by law. Individuals applying for the examination will be judged solely on the published eligibility requirements.

This handbook contains information regarding the Diabetic Wound Certification examination process of the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy®

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To avoid problems in processing your application, it is important that you follow the guidelines outlined in this handbook and comply with our required deadlines. If you have any questions about the policies, procedures, or processing of your application after reading this handbook, please contact the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy®. Additional copies of the handbook may be obtained from our website: www.nawccb.org.

WE RECOMMEND YOU KEEP THIS CANDIDATE HANDBOOK FOR REFERENCE THROUGHOUT THE APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION PROCESS. 1/2018

Checklist

- ☛ Read the Handbook cover to cover.
- ☛ Understand ALL National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy® policies.
- ☛ Understand the DWC® eligibility requirements and the application process.
- ☛ Read and agree to be bound by the NAWCO® Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice, Candidate Agreement and the policies and procedures.
- ☛ Fill out the application form in its entirety.
- ☛ Complete work experience verification section that documents work experience related to wound care.
- ☛ Sign your application form.
- ☛ Submit application/examination fees of \$330.00, made payable to NAWCO®.
- ☛ Include additional forms (If applicable)
 - Request for Special Examination Accommodations
 - Documentation of Disability-Related Needs
- ☛ Contact information
National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy®
717 Saint Joseph Dr.
Suite 297
Saint Joseph, MI 49085-2428 or fax to: 1-800-352-8339 or email: admin@nawccb.org

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The Need

Worldwide, there are more than 246 million people living with diabetes, with 23 million in the US alone.¹ Without effective prevention and control programs, projections estimate that the number of people with diabetes will continue to increase globally to 438 million by 2030.²

In developed countries, one in every six people with diabetes will develop a foot ulcer during their lifetime.³ 85% of those with a foot ulcer will succumb to the ultimate consequence of limb amputation.³ More than one and half million diabetes-related amputations are performed annually. Research by the International Diabetes Association shows that up to 85% of amputations resulting from diabetic foot disease are preventable.³

Without action, global rates of diabetic foot disease, and the amputations associated with its poor management, will increase alongside this forecasted rise in the prevalence of diabetes. To meet the need for specialized clinicians dedicated to the treatment and prevention of diabetic foot complications, the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy® (NAWCO®) is sponsoring the Diabetic Wound Certification (DWC®).

1 National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. National Diabetes Statistics, 2007 fact sheet. Bethesda, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, 2008.

2 "International Diabetes Federation. IDF Diabetes Atlas, 4th edn. Brussels, Belgium: International Diabetes Federation, 2009."

3 *International Diabetes Foundation: Position Statement-The diabetic foot: amputations are preventable, May 2005*

Objectives of Certification

The objective of DWC® certification is to provide assurance to the public by promoting the delivery of safe and effective diabetic wound and skin management by:

1. Recognizing formally those individuals who demonstrate proficiency and mastery of knowledge, expertise, and skills in diabetic wound management above basic wound care certification.
2. Providing a standard of knowledge required for certification based upon American Diabetes Association® (ADA®) clinical practice recommendations and other evidence based practice and research in the field of diabetic wound management.
3. Establishing and measuring the level of knowledge required for certification in diabetic skin and wound management.

4. Promoting continued professional growth in diabetic skin and wound management.

Examination Administration

The Diabetic Wound Care Certification Examination is sponsored by the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy®. A passing score of 70% is required to become certified.

Computerized versions of the examination are administered at computer based testing facilities managed by PSI Computer Testing, Inc. PSI has testing sites in the United States and other countries. A listing of available testing centers may be viewed at <http://cert.psiexams.com/locateall.html>.

Paper and pencil administrations of this examination, administered by NAWCO® proctors, will be offered periodically on site at the Diabetic Wound Management Certification Training courses for those candidates registered for the live approved course. For locations and information, visit www.wcei.net.

Credentials

Upon successful completion of the Diabetic Wound Certification examination, candidates may use the initials DWC®, Diabetic Wound Certified® to designate their status. Credentials are awarded for a five (5) year period after receiving a passing score on the examination.

Upon expiration of credentialing term, the DWC® is required to recertify with the NAWCO® to maintain their credentials.

"DWC® has been registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as the official certification mark of the Diabetic Wound Certification sponsored by the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy®.

Certificate of Certification

The NAWCO® will award an official numbered electronic certificate to all candidates upon passing the NAWCO® Diabetic Wound Certification examination, denoting status as DWC®, Diabetic Wound Certified®. The certificate can be downloaded on the Member's Only section of the NAWCO® website.

Credential Verification

To ensure public safety and ethical practices, the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy® provides credential verification. Interested

parties, including the general public, can verify DWC® credentials using the credential verification search feature located at www.nawccb.org.

Scope of Practice

The role of the DWC® is based upon expert evidence based clinical knowledge and skills that are practiced in acute, outpatient, long-term care, and home care settings.

The focus of the DWC® is on high quality care to achieve optimum patient outcomes, cost control in diabetic wound management, and prevention of complications.

In order to assure appropriate and thorough diabetic wound management, a holistic comprehensive approach is utilized. All factors affecting healing, including considerations of systemic, psychosocial, and local factors are reviewed. The DWC® provides direct patient care, necessary patient education, and prevention measures through comprehensive assessment, referrals, and continuing evaluation of high risk diabetic patients and all types of diabetic wounds.

Diabetic wound management requires the skills of the interdisciplinary team that includes the DWC®, physician, nurse, dietitian, physical therapist, occupational therapist, social worker, and other health care disciplines or providers depending upon each individual patient assessment.

The scope of practice for the Diabetic Wound Certified (DWC®) health care professional is performed in accordance with legislation code and scope of practice as determined by each respective professional state regulatory board along with prospective employer mandated guidelines. As with any specialty, certification does not supersede state practice acts nor does it permit a clinician to practice beyond their individual knowledge or expertise.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants for the NAWCO® DWC® certification examination must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Hold an active unrestricted license as a Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant,

Occupational Therapist, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, Physician or Physician Assistant.

2. Successfully complete an NAWCO® “Diabetic Skin and Wound Management Course”.
3. Must meet one of the following:
 - a. Currently hold an accredited certification in wound care. (WCC, CWS, CWCN, CWON, CWOCN)

OR

 - b. Document active involvement in the care of diabetic patients, or in management, education or research directly related to diabetes while actively licensed for at least two (2) years full-time/four (4) years part-time within the past five (5) years.
4. Completion of application and required supporting documentation.
5. Payment of required fees.
6. Receive passing score on the NAWCO® DWC® Examination.

Fees

\$30.00 non-refundable processing fee is required with all application submissions and examination fees.

Initial Certification: \$300.00
Recertification: \$300.00
Reexamination: \$300.00
Lapsed Credential Reinstatement: \$300.00
Lapsed Credential Late Fee: \$300.00

Candidates can apply and pay online. If mailing payment, make check or money order payable to: National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy®. If for any reason you are deemed ineligible to sit for the exam, the \$300 examination fee will be refunded within two (2) weeks. Refunds will not be issued for any reason once you are deemed eligible to sit for the exam.

Approved NAWCO® Diabetic Skin and Wound Management Certification Training Course

Wound Care Education Institute®
877-462-9234
www.wcei.net

WCEI offers the Diabetic Wound Management Training Course online and live at select locations all around the United States. For detailed listings and an application, visit www.wcei.net.

Saint Joseph, MI 49085-2428
Or fax to: 1-800-352-8339
Or email: admin@nawccb.org

Content of Examination

The certification exam is an objective, multiple-choice test consisting of up to 110 questions and is available in a computerized format or paper & pencil format with a total testing time of two (2) hours. Candidates are only scored on 100 questions for exams that consist of 110 questions, as 10 questions are not scored. Those 10 questions are used to create future exams.

Application Process

1. Complete the NAWCO® DWC® examination application found online at nawccb.org.
2. Upon receipt of the completed application, the certification office will review the information and determine the applicant's eligibility to sit for the examination. An application is considered complete only if all information requested is complete, legible, and accurate.
3. Within approximately 1-2 weeks of receipt of the Certification Examination application, a confirmation notice of eligibility with a unique authorization number will be sent to the candidate via email. Detailed instructions for course attendance and scheduling of your certification exam will be included with the eligibility notice.
4. If you are attending the "Diabetic Skin & Wound Management Training Course" provided by the Wound Care Education Institute® (WCEI®), you will need to register separately with WCEI®.
5. Once you successfully complete the WCEI® course, you have two (2) years from the date of course completion or a total of four (4) examination attempts in which to pass the examination, whichever comes first. For further information on retesting, see our Retesting Policy on page 14.
6. Submit all of the above along with \$330 to:

National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy®
717 Saint Joseph Dr.
Suite 297

Application Key Points

- Application forms should be submitted at least one month prior to requested examination date.
- Upon receipt of the completed application the certification office will review the information and determine the applicant's eligibility to sit for the examination.
- An application is considered complete only if all information requested is complete, legible and accurate. Sufficient wound care experience must be provided with appropriate signatures on the application form.
- Within approximately 1-2 weeks of receipt of the application, a confirmation notice of eligibility with a unique authorization number will be sent to the candidate via email.
- Applicants who are determined to be ineligible to sit for the exam may appeal the decision by submitting a written letter of appeal to the Certification Committee within 30 days of the eligibility decision. Applicants may request a copy of the appeal policy from NAWCO®.

Revocation of Certification

NAWCO® may revoke individual DWC® Certification upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:

1. Applicant fails to adhere to the NAWCO® code of ethics. (<https://www.nawccb.org/code-of-ethics>).
2. Any Government agency, licensing board or court finds that any services as provided by DWC® are defective or improper in any way, manner or form.
3. Use of certification credentials and/or failure to notify NAWCO® within 10 business days subsequent to revocation, suspension, probation or expiration of the primary professional license of the DWC®.
4. Applicant fails to meet recertification criteria prior to expiration date of their DWC® credentials.
5. Falsification of application materials.

6. Actual or potential adverse publicity, false advertising or other information, emanating from a third party or parties, about Applicant, the services provided by Applicant, or the use of the Marks by Applicant causes NAWCO®, in its sole judgment, to believe that the reputation of the NAWCO® will be adversely affected.

Appeals

Individuals may appeal decisions regarding eligibility, examination results, and disciplinary matters made by the NAWCO® certification program by submitting a written letter of appeal to the NAWCO® Certification Committee within 30 days of the NAWCO® decision or action that is being appealed. Candidates may request a copy of the appeal policy by contacting the NAWCO® office.

Complaints & Discipline

Complaints against a DWC® may be submitted by any individual or entity. Complaints should be reported to the Certification Committee in writing to either the NAWCO® office, or email to cynthia@nawccb.org, and should include the name of the person submitting the complaint, the name of the person the complaint is regarding along with other relevant identifying information, a detailed description of factual allegations supporting the charges, and any relevant supporting documentation. Information submitted during the complaint and investigation process is considered confidential and will be handled in accordance with the Certification Committee's Confidentiality policy. Inquiries or submissions other than complaints may be reviewed and handled by the Certification Committee or its staff members at its discretion.

Recertification

Certification is awarded for a five (5) year period following successful passing of the examination. Upon expiration of the credentialing term, a DWC® is required to recertify with the NAWCO® to maintain their credentials. A DWC® may recertify by examination, training, or by continuing education. Details of the options will be emailed to candidates within one year of expiration of credential. They may also be accessed at the NAWCO® website: nawccb.org. Please keep your email address updated with NAWCO® at all times.

Reinstatement of Lapsed Credentials

Reinstatement of a lapsed credential is not the same process as recertification. Requirements for reinstatement of lapsed DWC® credentials include all of the following criteria:

1. Active unrestricted license as a Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Occupational Therapist, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physician Assistant, or Physician.
2. Previous DWC® certification.
3. Active involvement in the care of wound care patients, or in management, education or research directly related to wound care for at least two (2) years full-time or four (4) years part-time within the past five (5) years.
4. Completion of application.
5. Payment of required fee. \$330.00 for reinstatement of certification and \$300.00 for late fee. (Total \$630.00)
6. Choice of one of the following pathways:
 - a. Successful graduate of approved "Diabetic Skin & Wound Management Training Course".
 - b. Receive passing score on examination within two (2) years or four (4) attempts (whichever comes first) of credentials lapse*.
 - b. Complete the continuing education verification form. (A minimum of 60 contact hours per requirements must be documented). This form can be found at nawccb.org.
 - i. Copies of original "certificates of completion" forms from each continuing education program entered on your continuing education verification form may be requested.
 - ii. Certificate of completion forms must include your name, date, program title, provider, approved accrediting organization, and the number of contact hours awarded.

7. A DWC® that successfully meets the requirements of the chosen and accepted pathway, within 2 years of the credential lapsing, will maintain their original certification number.
8. A DWC® that does not successfully meet the requirements within 2 years of the credential lapsing, will receive a new certification number when all eligibility criteria have been met.
2. Candidates who arrive late for the examination may not take the examination.
3. Disruptive behavior is cause for dismissal from the test site by the Test Site Administrator. No refunds will be given to candidates expelled for disruptive behavior.
4. No visitors are permitted in testing rooms (including children).
5. Candidates may not bring coats, book bags, luggage, etc. to their examination desks.

Final Ruling on Lapsed Credentials

1. Reinstatement attempt WITHIN 2 YEARS through Examination Pathway:

- a. Unsuccessful: If examination pathway is chosen, after two years or four attempts, you will no longer be able to reinstate your lapsed credential.
- b. You will be required to wait one year and meet all of the eligibility requirements again for certification under one of the existing initial certification options.

2. Reinstatement attempt AFTER 2 YEARS:

- a. A credential that has lapsed beyond 2 years will not be reinstated.
- b. If you fail to apply to reinstate your credential within two years of the credential expiration, you can apply immediately and must meet all eligibility requirements again for certification under one of the existing certification options.
- c. A new certification number will be issued to successful candidates.

3. If you can demonstrate that you were falsely imprisoned, held hostage or otherwise held against your will, on active duty out of the US in the military, or in a coma, and as a result, unable to complete your recertification prior to credential lapse, then you may reinstate your credential via any of the recertification options available.

Rules for the Examination

1. A candidate who informs a Test Site Administrator that he or she does not wish to continue taking the examination being administered may not complete the examination later that day. If the candidate re-takes the examination at a later date, he or she must submit the reexamination fee.

6. Only the individual named on the registration roster will be permitted to take the examination. No substitutions are allowed for registered candidates.
7. Candidates must present valid US Gov. issued picture identification that matches the name on the authorization at check-in.
8. Examination Misconduct - Before, during and after examination section, all examinees are expected to conduct themselves in an ethical manner and to avoid hampering the ability of fellow examinees around them to perform independently on the examination.
9. Incidents of reported cheating will be investigated by the NAWCO®. If a candidate is found to have cheated, that candidate's exam will not be scored, and the candidate will be barred from taking any further NAWCO® examinations indefinitely.
10. Failure to Appear - If you fail to appear for the examination, you will forfeit the entire examination fee. Waivers of exam fee forfeiture will be considered in the case of medical emergencies.
11. Medical or Other Emergencies - Waivers of withdrawal penalties or exam fee forfeiture will be considered in the case of medical emergencies. Requests for such waivers must be made in writing and supported by appropriate physician documentation. Requests must be received within three weeks following the examination. They will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

12. Candidates are encouraged to wear a watch to the examination to pace themselves as the testing sites may not provide a clock.
13. Any cell phones brought into the testing center are to be turned off and placed under/away

from the desk along with the candidate's other personal items.

Accommodation Procedures

An applicant may request a change in examination procedures or process due to disability, handicap, or other reason. The forms "Request for Special Accommodations" and "Documentation of Disability Needs" (located toward the back of this handbook) must be completed and received at least six weeks prior to the requested examination date. The request must be specific as to the nature of the problem. The applicant is responsible for demonstrating that the request should be granted.

Examination Results

Your exam results will indicate "pass" or "fail". Examination results are sent via email directly to the candidate within 7-10 business days of the exam date. The candidate must provide an email address on the examination application. Hard copy results are not available. Within two (2) weeks of receiving your emailed examination results, you will be able to download and print your certification certificate, a printable wallet ID card and your official congratulations letter. **No candidate exam results will be given by telephone or facsimile for any reason.** Exam results are released **ONLY** to the candidate via the email address. Candidates taking the computerized version of the examination will receive their results immediately following the completion of the exam and will be able to download their documents online within 2 weeks of their exam date. Exam results are kept on file for five years.

Review of Examinations

For security reasons, examination materials are not available for review. Neither the testing corporation nor the NAWCO® will discuss specific questions on any of the examinations. Comments about questions should be directed in writing to the NAWCO® Certification Committee. The NAWCO® will review comments relating to the exam but will not make a written response to comments.

Candidates who believe their examination results were improperly recorded or their examination graded inaccurately may request that their examination be hand scored. To request examination hand scoring, candidates should complete a signature form available either from NAWCO®. This request must be postmarked no

later than 100 days after the test administration date.

Retesting Policy

Candidates who take the DWC® certification examination and are unsuccessful may retake the examination for a total of three (3) additional reexamination attempts within two (2) years of attending the WCEI course through the Education pathway, or within two (2) years of the original examination date if through the Experiential or the Certification pathway. After four (4) attempts, you are required to wait for a period of one (1) year prior to taking the exam again.

Candidates who allow the two (2) year time limit to expire, but who do not exhaust the four (4) exam attempts, are not required to wait one (1) year prior to reapplying to take the exam again. However, all unsuccessful candidates must meet all eligibility requirements under one of the existing certification options in order to retake the examination. Candidates are encouraged to self-study or attend a wound management-training course during this time. Unsuccessful candidates are not eligible for any refunds.

Reexamination

1. The NAWCO® is notified by the testing company of all non-passing scores.
2. The National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy® will contact you by email with instructions and an application for re-examination. The application can also be downloaded on the NAWCO website at www.nawccb.org
3. Each reexamination application submitted must be accompanied by the \$330 fee.
4. Reexamination application forms will be processed upon receipt.
5. Submit all of the above along with \$330 to:
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Or fax to: 1-800-352-8339
Or email: admin@nawccb.org

Examination Disclosure

The examination and answer sheets remain solely the property of the NAWCO®. These materials are confidential and are not available for review by any person or agency for any reason.

Confidentiality

NAWCO® strictly protects the security of your personal information and honors your choices for its intended use.

We carefully protect your data from loss, misuse, unauthorized access or disclosure, alteration, or destruction. Though we make every effort to preserve user privacy, we may need to disclose personal information when required by law wherein we have a good-faith belief that such action is necessary to comply with a current judicial proceeding, a court order or legal process.

If we are required by law to release your confidential information, you will be notified by email at the address we have on file, unless prohibited by law. Otherwise, your personal information is never shared outside the company without your permission. Inside the company, data is stored in password-controlled servers with limited access. NAWCO® does not release information to anyone as to whether a particular candidate has applied or what their exam results were.

Anyone may obtain basic certification information including name, city, state, original certification date, current certification date, certification expiration date, and certification status by using the credential verification feature on the home page of our website: www.nawccb.org. If a certificant wishes NAWCO® to verify his or her certification status in writing for an employer, a request signed by the certificant must first be received by the NAWCO® office. [Refer to NAWCO® privacy policy.](#)

Computer Examination Procedures

Scheduling Your Examination

Appointment

- The NAWCO® will send you a notice of eligibility once you are approved for the exam. Following that, you will receive an email from PSI Services, LLC with instructions on scheduling your examination [on the PSI Services, LLC website](#).
- A listing of available testing centers with detailed maps may be viewed at [on the PSI Services, LLC website](#).
- **Make note of your unique NAWCO® eligibility authorization number that will be included**

with your NAWCO® notice of eligibility email. Without this number you cannot schedule your exam.

- To gain admission to the testing center:
 - Present a current US Government issued photo ID that includes your current name exactly as it is listed on your examination authorization.
 - Acceptable IDs include: driver's license, valid passport, military ID card with photo, state issued photo ID. (Unacceptable ID's include employment ID, student ID, etc.)

Reschedule of Examination

Appointments

If you need to cancel your examination appointment or reschedule to a different date, you must contact PSI at 1-800-211-2754 no later than 24 hours prior to your scheduled time. If your appointment falls either on a Monday or the day after a holiday, you must call the last business day prior to your appointment to reschedule. **If you fail to arrive for your appointment or cancel without giving the required notice, you will be subject to forfeiture of your testing fee.**

Security

NAWCO® and PSI® maintain test administration and test security standards that are designed to assure that all candidates are provided the same opportunity to demonstrate their abilities. The assessment center is continuously monitored by surveillance equipment for security purposes.

Practice Test

Prior to attempting the examination, you will be given the opportunity to practice taking a test on the computer. The time you use for this practice test is NOT counted as part of your examination time. When you are comfortable with the computer testing process, you may quit the practice test and begin the timed examination.

Timed Examination

Following the practice test, you will begin the actual examination. Before beginning, instructions for taking the examination are provided on-screen. Two (2) hours are allotted to complete the examination.

Examination Results

After you finish the examination, you are asked to complete a short evaluation of your testing

experience. Upon completion of the evaluation, you are instructed to report to the testing supervisor to receive your examination results. Your exam report will indicate “pass” or “fail.”

Successful candidates may begin using the “DWC®” credential immediately and will be able to print their DWC® Certification Certificate, wallet ID card and congratulations letter within 2 weeks of the examination date. No candidate exam results will be given by telephone or facsimile for any reason. Exam results are released ONLY to the candidate at the testing center. Exam results are kept on file for five years.

Paper & Pencil Test Procedures

Admission

Approved candidates (See Application Process section) will be emailed a confirmation notice of eligibility prior to the examination date. If you elect to change your testing location (Example: Onsite to PSI) after that time, a \$75 administrative fee will apply.

The candidate ID number is included on this approval with the candidate’s name and address. To gain admission to the testing center, you MUST present a US Government issued photo ID that matches the name on the approval. Acceptable ID’s include: driver’s license, valid passport, military ID card with photo, state issued photo ID. (Unacceptable forms are employment ID, student ID, etc.) ID must be current and include candidate’s current name and address.

Reporting Time

The time, date and location of the paper and pencil examination are printed on the candidate’s approved course confirmation. All candidates should report to testing location at the reporting time for registration and check-in. Two (2) hours are allotted for candidates to complete the examination.

Candidates may wear a watch to help pace themselves if they so desire. Latecomers may be admitted to the examination at the discretion of the test location supervisor, as long as the test has not been started, but candidates will not be permitted to work beyond the time scheduled for completion of the examination.

Examination Cancellation

NAWCO® will make every effort to provide the examination onsite when scheduled. In the event of inclement weather or low volume, NAWCO will at its discretion cancel the onsite examination administration. If the examination is canceled by NAWCO®, the candidate will have two options to take the examination. The candidate may wait until the exam is scheduled in the area again, or they may be processed to take the computerized exam at PSI at no additional charge

Answer Sheets

Candidates will be required to enter examination answers onto a Scantron® answer form. Care should be taken to complete this form accurately to assure prompt reporting of test results. Fill in each ‘bubble’ completely and neatly. Answers that are not dark enough or that do not fill the circle completely may not scan properly. Erasures should be complete.

The Scantron answer form requires the use of a #2 pencil (provided at test site). Corresponding answers to examination questions are to be indicated on the answer form. No credit will be awarded for answers marked in the test book.

Examination Results

Examination results are sent via email within 7-10 **business** days of exam date. Email must be confirmed at testing site. Your exam results will indicate “pass” or “fail”. Hard copy results are not available. Within two (2) weeks of receiving your emailed examination results, you will be able to download and print your certification certificate, a printable wallet ID card and your official congratulations letter. No candidate exam results will be given by telephone or facsimile for any reason. Exam results are released ONLY to the candidate via the email address.

Remote Proctoring Test Procedures

COMING SOON

Preparation for the Examination

Examination questions are not based on any sole source for content. NAWCO® suggests that applicants closely review the examination content outline as a guideline for study preparation. Review of current wound care journals, wound

care text books, and reference materials will help prepare for the test.

References for Study

The following reference list may be helpful in preparing for the examination. This list does not attempt to include all the acceptable references available, nor is the examination based solely on these sources. The NAWCO® does not sponsor or endorse any one reference over another. Some of the references can be accessed online, while others are available at local book stores.

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Content of Examination

The Diabetic Wound Certification examination is an objective, multiple choice test consisting of up to 110 questions with a total testing time of two (2) hours.

The questions for the Diabetic Wound Certification examination are prepared by teams of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs).

The examination questions are written to assess cognitive levels of knowledge, comprehension, application and analysis related to diabetic wound management.

The examination is weighted in approximately the following breakdown:

- Anatomy & Physiology 13%
- Diagnostics 23%
- Etiology 6%
- Examination 16%
- Multidisciplinary Care 4%
- Prevention 11%
- Treatment 27%

Examination Content Outline

1. Anatomy and Physiology
 - a. Anatomy of the foot - Skin, Bones, Nails
 - b. Wound Healing
2. Etiology
 - a. Epidemiology - Diabetes, Diabetic Foot Ulcers, Amputations
 - b. Pathogenesis Diabetic Foot Ulcers - Neuropathy (Motor, Sensory, Autonomic), Peripheral Vascular Disease, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Trauma/Infection, Associated Risk Factors
3. Diagnostics
 - a. Perfusion - Pulses, Capillary Refill, Rubor Dependency Test, Toe Brachial Pressure Index, tcpO₂, Dermal Thermometry , Toe photoplethysmography
 - b. Sensory Testing - Semmes Weinstein Monofilament, Tuning Fork, Ankle Reflexes
 - c. Biomechanics - Gait evaluation, Muscle group strength, Plantar pressure

- measurement, Joint mobility Range of motion, Harris Mat Test, Forefoot Test
 - d. Labs - CBC, serum electrolytes, urea, creatine, blood glucose, HbA1c, serum cholesterol, triglycerides, C Reactive protein, TSH, Serum B12
 - e. Radiology
 - f. Skills - Total Contact Casting, Nail Trimming, Sharp Debridement, Toe Brachial Pressure Index, Dermal Thermometry , Toe photoplethysmography, Stump wrapping
4. Examination
- a. History - Overall medical history, Presenting complaint, Past foot history, Diabetic History, Drug history, Family history, Psychosocial history
 - b. Dermatologic examination - Skin appearance, Color , Texture, Corns/Callus, Sub-callous hemorrhage, Anhydrosis, Xerosis, Fissures, Turgor, Thick Waxy skin
 - c. Dermatologic complications - Necrobiosis Lipoidica Diabeticorum, Diabetic Dermopathy, Diabetic Bullae, Granuloma Annulare
 - d. Nail Examination - Structure, Onychauxis, Atrophic, Color, Onychocryptosis , Paronychia, Onychomycosis , Onychogryphosis ,
 - e. Structure/Deformities of foot - Pes Cavus, Hammer Toes, Claw Toes, Hallux valgus, Fibrofatty padding depletion, Charcot Foot
 - f. Footwear - Fit, Type/Style, Heel, Wear pattern, Insole inspection, Socks
 - g. Diabetic Foot Ulcer Assessment - Location, Wound Base Characteristics, Classification Systems (Meggitt-Wagner, University of Texas , PEDIS)
 - h. Psychosocial Assessment
5. Prevention
- a. Risk Classification - International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot Risk Definitions and Treatment Recommendations
 - b. Foot Ulcer/Amputation Prevention Interventions - Annual Foot screening, Footwear Selection, Patient Education
 - c. Patient Self Care - Self exams, Hygiene, Toenail care, Nutrition, Glucose Control
6. Treatment
- a. Diabetic Foot Ulcer Treatment
 - 1) Infection - Diagnosis, Definition, Classifications, Osteomyelitis, Treatment
 - 2) Debridement
 - 3) Dressings Local Wound Care
 - 4) Adjunctive Therapies - Bio-engineered products, Negative Pressure Therapy, Growth Factors, Hyperbaric Oxygen, Electrical Stimulation
 - b. Offloading - Total Contact Casting, Shoe Modifications, Therapeutic Footwear, Orthotics/Inserts
 - c. Skin Treatment
 - d. Nail Treatment
 - e. Callus Treatment
 - f. Nutrition
 - g. Pain Interventions
 - h. Unsalvageable foot
 - 1) Surgical Aspects - Goals, Psychosocial Factors, Pre-op Care, Post-Op Care
 - 2) Amputee Rehabilitation
7. Multidisciplinary Care
- a. Team Model
 - b. Overall Diabetic Foot Management Goals - Limb preservation, Patient education
 - c. Patient Education - Adult learning principals, Teen/Pediatric, Cultural considerations
 - d. Legal Aspects - Non-adherent patients, Standards of Practice
 - e. Referrals

Sample Examination Questions

1. The single greatest risk factor for diabetic foot ulcers is:
 - a. Venous stasis
 - b. Peripheral neuropathy
 - c. Myopathy
 - d. Congestive heart failure
2. Diabetic foot ulcers are commonly found:
 - a. Around the ankle
 - b. Over the sacrum
 - c. On the dorsal surface of the foot
 - d. On the plantar surface of the foot
3. All of the following provide information valuable in assessing neuropathic risk in a patient with diabetes EXCEPT:
 - a. Vibration perception
 - b. Von Willebrand Factor
 - c. Monofilament testing
 - d. Duration/control of disease

4. A diabetic patient presents with well-circumscribed papules ranging from 1cm to 3-cm on the pretibial area. The papules have an active border that has become waxy, atrophic, with round plaques centrally. Initially, these plaques are red-brown in color but progressively became more yellow and atrophic in appearance. These would be described as:
 - a. Granuloma Annulare
 - b. Diabetic Bullae
 - c. Necrobiosis lipoidica diabetidorum
 - d. Contact dermatitis

5. A patient with a Meggitt Wagner Ulcer Classification of 5 has:
 - a. Charcot deformity
 - b. Gangrene
 - c. Osteomyelitis
 - d. Superficial ulcer

6. Which Toe Brachial Pressure Index indicates that arterial flow is sufficient to heal a foot ulcer?
 - a. 0.3
 - b. 0.5
 - c. 0.8
 - d. 1.8

7. The goal of total contact casting for diabetic foot ulcers is:
 - a. Applying pressure directly to wound bed.
 - b. Distributing pressure over the entire surface of the leg and foot.
 - c. Limiting pressure to just the wound margins.
 - d. Transferring pressure from the heel to the ball of the foot.

8. Which of the following statements does not reflect current standards of diabetic foot care?
 - a. All individuals with diabetes should receive an annual foot examination to identify high-risk foot conditions. This examination should include assessment of protective sensation, foot structure and biomechanics, vascular status, and skin integrity.

- b. Individuals with neuropathy or evidence of increased plantar pressure may be adequately managed with well-fitted walking shoes that cushion the feet and redistribute pressure.
- c. Individuals with diabetes and high-risk foot conditions should be educated regarding their risk factors and appropriate management.
- d. Glycemic control is fundamental to the management of diabetes. The American Diabetes Association recommends that individuals with diabetes maintain hemoglobin A1C levels to 10% or greater to reduce microvascular and neuropathic complications of type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

9. The American Diabetes Association recommends that individuals with diabetes maintain LDL cholesterol:
 - a. Under 50 mg/dL
 - b. Under 100 mg/dL
 - c. Under 150 mg/dL
 - d. Under 200 mg/dL

10. Ambulatory 63-year-old male with type II diabetes mellitus presents with Charcot arthropathy of the left foot and a left mid-foot plantar ulcer of 12 months duration. Examination reveals granulation tissue moderate serous exudate and significant callus build up around wound edges. There is no odor, pain, or sign of infection. Management interventions should focus on:
 - a. Debridement of callus
 - b. Patient education and offloading
 - c. Glucose management
 - d. All of the Above

Answers: 1-(b), 2-(d), 3-(b), 4-(c), 5-(b), 6-(c), 7-(b), 8-(d), 9-(b), 10-(d)

DWC® Certification Pathways at a Glance



#1 Eligible Licenses	Necessary for all Applicants
Current License as RN, LPN/LVN, NP, PA, PT, PTA, OT, OTA, MD, DO, DPM	✓
#2 Requirements	
Successful completion of NAWCO® *approved Diabetic Skin and Wound Management Course	✓
<i>* Approved training course provided by Wound Care Education Institute</i>	
Completion of application and required supporting documentation	✓
Full payment of required fees	✓
Passing score on DWC® Certification Exam	✓
#3 Experience**	
Document active involvement in the care of diabetic patients, or in management, education or research directly related to diabetes while actively licensed for at least 2 years full-time or 4 years part -time in the past 5 years	
OR	
Currently hold one of the following certifications in wound care, WCC®, CWS®, CWCN®, CWON®, CWOCN®	
<i>**EXPERIENCE: Active involvement in the care of diabetic patients or in management, education or research directly related to diabetes while actively licensed. Full-time is considered 40 hours per week. Part-time is considered 20-39 hours per week or if the employer considers the employee part-time</i>	
More detailed information is available in the DWC Candidate Examination Handbook	

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DWC® Certification Program- Candidate Agreement / Statement of Understanding

Purpose

National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy® (NAWCO®) is dedicated to the advancement and promotion of excellence in the delivery of wound care and skin management to the consumer. NAWCO® has established a formally documented program under which individuals may take examinations to demonstrate competence relating to their proficiency in skin and wound management. This program includes the DWC® professional Ostomy Management Specialist® certification credentials. Successful participants in this program may become authorized to use the DWC® certification.

Definitions

Applicant means the individual who, in consideration for being allowed to take the certification examinations offered by NAWCO®, agreed to the terms of this NAWCO® Certification Program Candidate Agreement (“Agreement”).
Marks means the service mark and logo pertaining to the certification credential DWC® that the Applicant has completed.

Nondisclosure

Applicant shall not disclose to any third party or use any information concerning any certification examination of NAWCO®, including, but not limited to questions, form of questions, or answers. The foregoing obligations of nondisclosure and nonuse are binding on Applicant until such time, if ever, as the specific information covered by the obligations are made generally available to the public. The foregoing obligations of nondisclosure and nonuse shall survive termination or expiration of this agreement and all NAWCO® certification programs for any reason. Further, any reported incidence of disclosure of exam item content will be fully investigated by the NAWCO® as a Breach of Contract and Copyright Infringement, and shall result in immediate termination of the individual’s DWC® Credential.

Certification

Applicant’s certification credential is based on Applicant’s successful completion of the required testing and Applicant’s compliance with this Agreement and the requirements described in the corresponding NAWCO® trademark guidelines, the

terms of which are incorporated herein by reference and which may be changed from time to time by NAWCO® in its sole discretion. Applicant acknowledges that NAWCO® has the right to change at any time the requirements for obtaining or maintaining any certification and/or to discontinue any certification is NAWCO®’s sole discretion. Once certification is granted, Applicant may maintain Applicant’s certification by completing, within the time frame specified by NAWCO®, all continuing certification requirements, if any, that correspond with Applicant’s DWC® credential. Applicant is responsible for keeping Applicant informed of NAWCO®’s continuing certification requirements and for maintaining Applicant’s certification. If Applicant does not complete the continuing certification requirements within the time frame specified by NAWCO®, Applicant’s certification for that credential will be revoked without further notice, and all rights pertaining to that certification (including the right to use the applicable Marks) will terminate. Applicant retains Applicant’s certification status if Applicant leaves Applicant’s current employment and/or begins working with a new organization. However, Applicant may not transfer Applicant’s certification status to another person. Applicant agrees to make claims regarding certification only with respect to the scope for which the certification has been granted. Applicant agrees to discontinue use of the DWC® credential and promotion of the certification immediately upon expiration, suspension or withdrawal of certification.

Applicant further swears to notify the NAWCO® in writing within 10 business days if they learn they are no longer eligible to hold the DWC® credential, such as in the event of suspension, placement of restrictions upon or revocation of the primary professional license. In the event of revocation of the credential, the applicant agrees the printed copy of the certification certificate will be destroyed.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY, NAWCO® HAS THE RIGHT NOT TO GRANT, CONTINUE, OR RENEW APPLICANT’S CERTIFICATION IF NAWCO® REASONABLY DETERMINES THAT APPLICANT’S CERTIFICATION OR USE OF THE CORRESPONDING MARKS WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE NAWCO®. THIS AGREEMENT APPLIES TO DWC® CERTIFICATION OBTAINED BY APPLICANT.

Grant and Consideration

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, NAWCO® grants to Applicant a non-exclusive, personal and nontransferable license to use the Marks solely in connection with providing services corresponding to the certification credential Applicant has achieved. Applicant may use the Marks on such promotional, display, and advertising materials as may, in Applicant's reasonable judgment, promote the services corresponding to Applicant's certification credential and which are permitted by the terms of the NAWCO®'s trademark guidelines corresponding to the certification credential. Applicant may not use the Marks for any purposes that are not directly related to the provision of the services corresponding to Applicant's particular certification. Applicant may not use the Marks of DWC® unless Applicant has completed the certification requirements for the DWC® certification credential and has been notified by NAWCO® in writing that Applicant has achieved certification status of DWC®. NAWCO® reserves the right to revise the terms of this Agreement from time to time. In the event of a revision, Applicant's signing or otherwise manifesting assent to a new agreement may be a condition of continued certification.

Term and Termination

Term-This Agreement will commence immediately upon Applicant's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement prior to taking a certification examination. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause by giving thirty (30) days or more prior written notice to the other party. Termination by NAWCO® - Without prejudice to any other rights it may have under this Agreement or in law, equity, or otherwise, NAWCO® may terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events ("Default"):

1. If Applicant fails to perform any of Applicant's obligations under this Agreement;
2. If any Government agency or court finds that any services as provided by Applicant are defective or improper in any way, manner or form; or
3. If actual or potential adverse publicity or other information, emanating from a third party or parties, about Applicant, the services provided by Applicant, or the use of the Marks by Applicant causes NAWCO®, in its sole

judgment, to believe that NAWCO®'s reputation will be adversely affected. In the event of a Default, NAWCO® will give Applicant written notice of termination of this Agreement.

4. Applicant fails to meet recertification criteria prior to expiration date of their credentials.

In the event of a Default under (2) or (3) or above, NAWCO® may immediately terminate this Agreement with no period for correction and without further notice. In the event of a Default under (1) or (4) above, or at NAWCO®'s option under (2) or (3) above, Applicant will be given thirty (30) days from receipt of notice in which to correct any Default. If Applicant fails to correct the Default within the notice period, this Agreement will automatically terminate on the last day of the notice period without further notice.

Effect of Termination

Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Applicant will immediately cease all display, advertising, and other use of the Marks and cease all representations of current certification. Upon termination, all rights granted under this Agreement will immediately and automatically revert to NAWCO®.

Conduct of Business

Applicant shall: exercise its independent business judgment in rendering services to Applicant's customers; avoid deceptive, misleading, or unethical practices which are or might be detrimental to NAWCO® or its products; and refrain from making any representations, warranties, or guarantees to customers on behalf of NAWCO®. Without limiting the foregoing, Applicant agrees to not misrepresent Applicant's certification status or Applicant's level of skill and knowledge related thereto.

Indemnification by Applicant

Applicant agrees to indemnify and hold NAWCO® harmless against any loss, liability, damage, cost or expense (including reasonable legal fees) arising out of any claims or suits made against NAWCO® by reason of Applicant's performance or nonperformance under this Agreement; arising out of Applicant's use of the Marks in any manner whatsoever except in the form expressly licensed under this Agreement; and/or for any personal injury, product liability, or other claim arising from the promotion and/or provision of any

products or services by Applicant. In the event NAWCO® seeks indemnification under this Section, NAWCO® will notify Applicant in writing of any claim or proceeding brought against it for which it seeks indemnification under this Agreement. In no event may Applicant enter into any third party agreements which would in any manner whatsoever affect the Rights of, or bind, NAWCO® in any manner, without the prior written consent of NAWCO®. This Section shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement and all NAWCO® certification programs for any reason.

Disclaimer of Warranties; Limitation of Liabilities

NAWCO® makes, and Applicant receives, no warranties or conditions of any kind, express, implied or statutory, related to or arising in any way out of any certification examination, any NAWCO® certification program, or this Agreement. NAWCO® specifically disclaims any implied warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose and non-infringement of any third party rights. In no event shall NAWCO® be liable for indirect, consequential, or incidental damages (including damages for loss of profits, revenue, data, or use) arising out of this Agreement, any NAWCO® certification program, or incurred by any party, whether in an action in contract or tort, even if NAWCO® has been advised of the possibility of such damages. NAWCO®'s liability for damages relating to any certification examination, any NAWCO® certification program, or this Agreement shall in no event exceed the amount of application fees actually paid to NAWCO® by Applicant. Some jurisdictions do not allow limitations of the liability so certain of these limitations may not apply; however, they apply to the greatest extent permitted by law. Applicant acknowledges and agrees that NAWCO® has made no representation, warranty, or guarantee as to the benefits, if any, to be received by Applicant from third parties as a result of receiving certification. This Section shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement and all NAWCO® certification programs for any reason.

General Provisions

Wisconsin law, excluding choice of law provisions, and the laws of the United States of America govern this Agreement. Failure to require compliance with a part of this Agreement is not a waiver of that part. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any part of this Agreement unenforceable, that part is excluded, but the rest of this Agreement remains in full force and effect. Any attempt by Applicant to transfer or assign this Agreement or any rights hereunder is void. Applicant acknowledges and agrees that Applicant and NAWCO® are independent contractors and that Applicant will not represent Applicant as an agent or legal representative of NAWCO®. This Agreement and all documents incorporated herein by reference are the parties' complete and exclusive statement relating to their subject matter. This Agreement will not be supplemented or modified by any course of dealing or usage of trade. Any modifications to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties. Applicant agrees to comply, at Applicant's own expense, with all statutes, regulations, rules, ordinances, and orders of any Governmental body, department, or agency which apply to or result from Applicant's rights and obligations under this Agreement.



DWC® Certification Application

ANY MISSING OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE DELAY IN PROCESSING - (1/2018)

1. PRINT NAME (as it appears on your professional license)		
Last:	First:	MI:
2. MAILING ADDRESS		3. DATE OF BIRTH
Street:		
City:	State/Province:	Country: Zip/Postal Code:
Daytime Telephone: () ()	Evening Telephone: () ()	Email: Required for Confirmation
4. PROFESSIONAL TITLE (List all that apply, LPN, RN, PT, etc)		5. EDUCATION: (Diploma, BS, BSN, etc.)
License Type: _____		_____
License Number(s): _____ State: _____		_____
ORIGINAL Issue Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____		_____
6. APPLICATION TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Lapsed Credential		
7. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT (Hospital, LTC, LTAC, etc.)	8. OTHER BOARD CERTIFICATIONS: (CWS, CWOCN, CWCN, etc.)	
_____	Certification: _____ #: _____	
_____	Certification: _____ #: _____	
9. LICENSED EXPERIENCE/PRACTICE WOUND CARE:		
<input type="checkbox"/> <1 Year <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 2 Years <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> >5 but <10 years <input type="checkbox"/> >10 years		
10. CERTIFICATION PATHWAY	11. EXAMINATION METHOD: (If Applicable)	12. COURSE TYPE: (If Applicable. Onsite requires location and date)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational (Onsite/Online)	<input type="checkbox"/> On Site at Diabetic Skin & Wound Management Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Online
	<input type="checkbox"/> Computerized Version at PSI Testing Centers	<input type="checkbox"/> Onsite: Course Location _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote Proctored (Not Available At This Time)	Course Dates: _____
13. ADA ACCOMMODATIONS	14. APPLICATION-CERTIFICATION FEES	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, special arrangements will be necessary for me to complete the examination. (If yes, complete forms located in handbook and submit to NAWCO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Refundable Processing Fee. \$30.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Certification Fee \$300.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lapsed Late Fee (If Applicable) \$300.00	
	Balance Due: _____	
15. WORK EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION: <u>All candidates must complete the following section(s) to document required wound care related work experience.</u> Missing or incomplete information will cause delay in processing. Misrepresentation discovered pre or post certification may result in denial or revocation of credential.		
Employer _____		
Employer Full Address _____		
Employment Dates From: ___ / ___ / ___ to: ___ / ___ / ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Current Employer? <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time		
Supervisor Name: _____ Supervisor Phone #: _____		

Employer _____

Employer Full Address _____

Employment Dates From: ____ / ____ / ____ to: ____ / ____ / ____ Current Employer? Full Time Part Time

Supervisor Name: _____ Supervisor Phone #: _____

16. Agreement Authorization and Certification Information Release

I hereby affirm that I have been an _____ (license type) actively and directly involved in the delivery of diabetic wound care or in Management, Education or Research directly related to diabetic wound care for a: MINIMUM of two years full-time or four years part-time within the past five years.

I further affirm that I am currently licensed to practice in the state of _____ .

I further affirm that no licensing authority has current disciplinary action pending against my license to practice in the aforementioned or any other state, and that my license to practice is not currently suspended, restricted or revoked by any state or jurisdiction.

I authorize the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy® to make whatever inquires and investigations that it deems necessary to verify my credentials and professional standing. I further allow the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy® to use information from my application and subsequent examination for the purpose of statistical analysis, provided my personal identification with that information has been deleted.

I hereby understand the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy® will publish my name, professional license type, city, state, past and present certification status under the NAWCO® DWC® Certification Directory, in print and electronic versions of a worldwide directory of NAWCO® DWC® Certified Practitioners. I release the NAWCO®, its subsidiaries and affiliates and their employees, successors and assigns from any claims of damages for libel, slander, invasion of rights of privacy or publicity, and any other claim based on the publication or release of any Certification Information as specified in this Certification Information Release.

I agree to make claims regarding certification only with respect to the scope for which the certification has been granted. I agree to discontinue use of the DWC® credential and promotion of the certification immediately upon expiration, suspension or withdrawal of certification. I further swear to notify the NAWCO® in writing within 10 business days if I learn I am no longer eligible to hold the DWC® credential, such as in the event of suspension, placement of restrictions upon or revocation of the primary professional license. I understand that failure to notify the NAWCO® of any of the above listed disciplinary actions will result in revocation of certification and/or denial of recertification. In the event of revocation of the credential, I agree to destroy the Certificate of Certification.

By signing this agreement, I hereby swear and attest to all the contents of the Candidate Agreement/ Statement of Understanding contained within the NAWCO® DWC® Candidate Handbook. As the applicant, I declare that the foregoing statements are true. I understand false information may be cause for denial or loss of the credential.

Applicant's Signature_____
Today's Date

17. PAYMENT: CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM: Complete this section ONLY if paying by Credit Card

Explanation of Fees:

- Non-Refundable Processing Fee \$30.00
- Certification Fee \$300.00
- Lapsed Late Fee (If Applicable) \$300.00

I, _____, hereby authorize the National Alliance of Wound Care and
(Name exactly as it appears on card)

Ostomy to charge my credit card account for the amount of \$_____ for _____.

- Visa
- MasterCard
- American Express (NO DISCOVER)

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date ____ / ____ Security Code* _____
*3-digit code found on signature strip at the end of a series of numbers

Credit Card Billing Address: (Address where cardholder receives bill)

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ Cardholder Signature: _____ Date: _____

Documentation of Disability-Related Needs

If you have a learning disability, a psychological disability, or other disability that requires an accommodation in testing, please have this section completed by an appropriate professional (education professional, doctor, psychologist, psychiatrist) to certify that your disabling condition requires the requested test accommodation. If you have existing documentation of the same or similar accommodation provided for you in another test situation, you may submit such documentation instead of completing the "Professional Documentation" portion of this form.

Professional Documentation

I have known _____ since ____ / ____ / ____
(Applicant)

in my capacity as _____.
(Professional Title)

The applicant discussed with me the nature of the test to be administered. It is my opinion that because of this applicant's disability described below, he/she should be accommodated by providing the special arrangements identified on the Special Examination Accommodation Form.

Comments:

Signed:

_____ Title: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address:

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

License # (If applicable): _____ Date: _____

Return this form with your examination application and request for special examination accommodations to:

National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy®
717 Saint Joseph Dr.
Suite 297
Saint Joseph, MI 49085-2428
Or fax to: 1-800-352-8339
Or email: admin@nawccb.org

NAWCO® Reexamination Application



1. PRINT NAME: (As listed on your Professional License) ALL ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RE-EXAM LAST: _____ FIRST: _____ MIDDLE: _____		
2. MAILING ADDRESS: (Street, City, State & Zip Code) _____ _____ _____		
3. DAYTIME TELEPHONE # _____		E-MAIL: _____
4. SELECT CREDENTIAL FOR RE-EXAM: <input type="checkbox"/> WCC <input type="checkbox"/> DWC <input type="checkbox"/> LLE <input type="checkbox"/> OMS <input type="checkbox"/> NWCC		5. <input type="checkbox"/> ADA Please contact me
5. PROFESSIONAL TITLE (LPN, RN, PT, etc) License Type: _____ License #(s): _____ State: _____ ORIGINAL Issue Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____		
7. APPLICATION-CERTIFICATION FEES : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Refundable Processing Fee. & Examination Fee \$330.00		
8. CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM: Complete this section ONLY if paying by Credit Card I, _____, hereby authorize the National Alliance of Wound Care and (Name exactly as it appears on card) Ostomy to charge my credit card account for the amount of the fee of \$300.00 plus Application fee of \$30.00. <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express (NO DISCOVER) Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date ____/____ Security Code* _____ <small>*3-digit code found on signature strip at the end of a series of numbers</small> Credit Card Billing Address: (Address where cardholder receives bill) _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ ++ _____ Zip _____ Telephone: _____ Cardholder Signature: _____ Date: _____		
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