

Comparison of Wound Care Certification Programs

<i>Wound Care Certification Organization</i>	National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy™ NAWCO™	Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board WOCNCB®	American Board of Wound Management ABWM	
<i>Number of Certificants</i>	14,000	6500	CWS – 3199 CWSP- 68	CWCA - 475
<i>Credential(s) Offered</i>	<p>WCC® Wound Care Certified DWC® Diabetic Wound Certified LLE™ Lymphedema Lower Extremity Certified OMS Ostomy Management Specialistsm</p> <p>Credentials available to: RNs, LPN/LVNs, NPs, PTs, PTAs, OTs, MDs, DOs, DPMs, PAs with active unrestricted licenses.</p>	<p>CWCN® Certified Wound Care Nurse CWOCN®, COCN®, CCCN® CWON™, plus Advanced Practice credentialing in wound, ostomy or continence nursing CFCN™ Foot care certification offered for RNs at all levels. (CFCN certification is not accredited)</p> <p>All credentials are offered only to RN's with Bachelor's degree minimum</p>	<p>CWS® Certified Wound Specialist A licensed healthcare professional with a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral degree in a life sciences field with 3 or more years of clinical wound care experience. CWSP™ Certified Wound Specialist Physician (CWSP certification is not accredited)</p>	<p>CWCA™ Certified Wound Care Associate Healthcare professional with at least 3 years of wound care experience and a minimum of a high school diploma Sales and marketing professional in the wound care industry with at least 3 years of wound care experience and a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent</p>
<i>Accreditation(s)</i>	<p>The WCC certification program is accredited by NCCA National Commission for Certifying Agencies, an administratively independent resource recognized as the authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations/programs.</p>	<p>NCCA National Commission for Certifying Agencies, an administratively independent resource recognized as the authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations/ programs (CWOCN,CWCN,COCN,CCCN) ABSNC Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (CWOCN, CWCN, COCN, CCCN, CWON)</p>	<p>NCCA National Commission for Certifying Agencies an administratively independent resource recognized as the authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations/ programs (CWS)</p>	NONE
<i>Eligibility Options</i>	<p>WCC RNs, LPN/LYNs, NPs, PTs, PTAs, OTs, Physicians, or Physician's Assistants with active unrestricted licenses. AND Currently active in the care of wound patients, or in management, education, or research directly related to wound care while actively licensed for at least two years. OR Preceptorship of 120 clinical hours may be substituted for the required work experience above and must be completed within one (1) year of successful course completion. AND Successful completion of one (1) of the following:</p>	<p>RN licensure PLUS Bachelors Degree or higher</p> <p>An experiential pathway is available for nurses who cannot attend a WOCN Society-accredited program</p>	<p>CWS - A licensed healthcare professional with a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral degree in a life sciences field with 3 or more years of clinical wound care experience</p> <p>CWSP - MD's, DO's and DPM's who are currently a CWS with the ABWM.</p>	<p>CWCA - At least 3 years of wound care experience and a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •NAWC approved "Skin and Wound Management Course". • Current Wound Care Certification through ABWM as a CWS[®] or WOCNCB as a CWCN[®], CWON[®], CWOCN[®]. • Experiential: Four (4) years of licensed full time wound care experience out of the last five (5) years plus 120 contact hours in skin and wound care. <p>DWC Hold a current, unrestricted license as an LPN/LVN, RN, NP, PT, PTA, OT, MD, DPM, DO or PA. Successfully complete an NAWC approved "Diabetic Skin and Wound Management Course."</p> <p>Must meet ONE of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Currently hold an accredited certification in wound care. (WCC[®], CWS[®], CWCN[®], CWON[®], CWOCN[®]) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>OR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>LLE Active unrestricted license as a Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Occupational Therapist, Physician or Physician Assistant.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>OMS Hold a current, unrestricted license as an LPN/</p>			
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	<p>LVN, RN, NP, PT, PTA, OT, MD, DPM, DO or PA and have practiced the equivalent of 1 year full-time.</p> <p>Successful graduate of NAWC approved "Ostomy Management Specialist Certification Training Course".</p>			
Certification Fees	<p>5 years: \$330 examination & app. fee <i>(examination & app. fee is included in the tuition of NAWCO approved Certification Training Program).</i></p> <p>No annual maintenance fees</p>	<p>5 years: \$375 examination fee Plus \$100 additional fee for each additional specialty certification. <i>(Additional cost for WOCN society accredited tri or single specialty wound care program AND the cost of a preceptor)</i> No annual maintenance fees</p>	<p>10 years: \$575 examination fee Plus \$150 annual re-registration fee to maintain certification</p>	<p>10 years: \$3075 examination fee Plus \$150 annual re-registration fee to maintain certification</p>
Recertification Requirements	<p>\$330 Recertification fee Plus Successful completion of ONE of the following (4) Recertification options: •NAWCO Approved Skin and Wound Management Course only (option for live or online). •Continuing Education- 60 hours. •Continuing Education and Outreach Program- (30) hours Contact hours, plus Community Outreach, plus one of the following: Publication, Research or Leadership. •Recertification by Examination only.</p>	<p>\$375 Recertification fee Plus \$100 additional fee for each additional specialty certification AND Successful completion and passing of examination</p>	<p>\$575 Recertification fee Plus \$150 annual re-registration fee to maintain certification AND •Minimum of six (6) CEU's in wound management annually</p>	<p>\$375 Recertification fee Plus \$150 annual re-registration fee to maintain certification AND •Minimum of six (6) CEU's in wound management annually</p>
Ten (10) Year Cost Summary Comparison	<p>\$660 total recertification fees</p>	<p>\$750 total recertification fees Plus \$100 additional fee for each additional specialty certification</p>	<p>\$2350 total recertification fee and annual re-registration fee to maintain certification plus annual cost of CEUs.</p>	<p>\$1950 recertification fee and annual re-registration fee to maintain certification plus annual cost of CEUs.</p>

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