



Make a **Difference** Become **WCC**®

WCC Certification:

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



National Alliance of Wound Care
and Ostomy®



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

Kathy, RN, WCC
Kalamazoo, Michigan

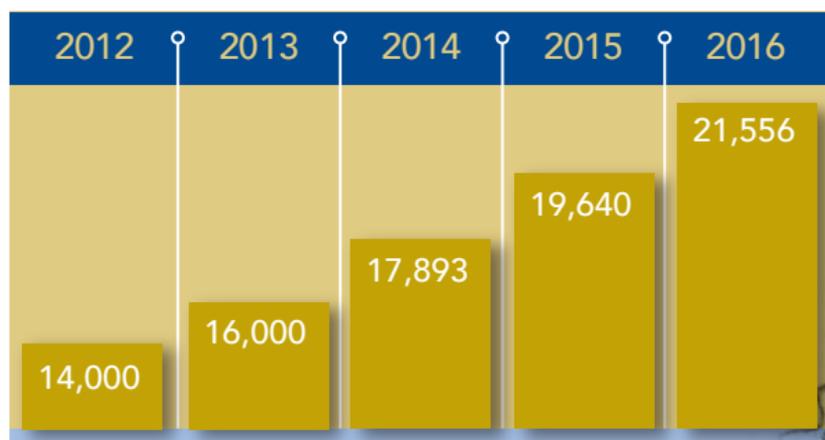
The Right Choice

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

The internationally recognized WCC® certification is the number one wound care credential in the United States because of its flexible certification pathways. There are over **22,000+ 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



Wound Care Certification

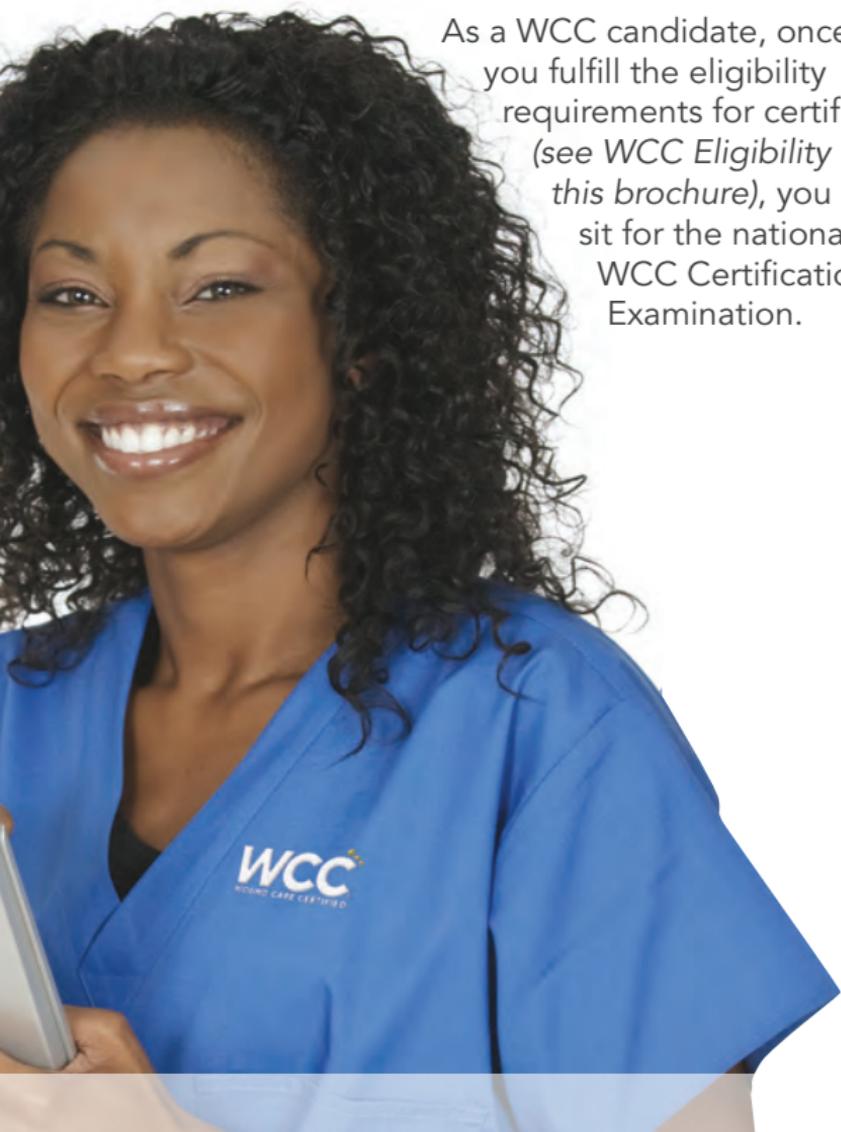
The tested proficiency of WCCs® sets them apart from wound care clinicians of untested industry societies or associations. The WCC credential is the new standard for wound care certification throughout the continuum of care.

The WCC credential is available only from the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy® (NAWCO®), the largest and fastest growing wound care credentialing organization in the world. NAWCO 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 five (5) 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 national WCC Certification Examination.



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.

NAWCO

As a WCC, you are automatically a member of the NAWCO family. NAWCO is two organizations; the credentialing board and member association. The NAWCO association offers professional leadership opportunities for WCCs through its 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 NAWCO allow you to grow and expand both personally and professionally.

"Being part of the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy 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



Examination Item Writing

This initiative enables WCCs to get involved with writing questions for the national WCC Certification Examination. WCCs who would like to try their hand at “item writing” may contact NAWCO 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 Board and Employment Resources

The NAWCO® online Job Resource Center, WOUND CARE CAREERS, is located on the home page of the NAWCO 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.



NAWCO

Tools and Programs

NAWCO 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 and educational resources.

The NAWCO Website

- Certification eligibility checker
- Recertification eligibility checker
- Career development tools
- Instant credential verification
- Locate a certified clinician



#1 Eligible Licenses	Education	Other Certification	Experiential
Current License as RN, LPN/LVN, NP, PA, PT, PTA, OT, OTA, MD, DO, DPM	✓	✓	✓

#2 Experience: In the past 5 years	Education	Other Certification	Experiential
At least 2 years full-time or 4 years part-time in wound care	✓	✓	
Less than 2 years full-time or 4 years part-time in wound care			
At least 4 years full-time in wound care			✓

***EXPERIENCE:** Active involvement in the care of wound care patients or management, education or research directly related to wound care. Full-time is considered 40 hours per week. Part-time is considered less than 40 hours per week

#3 Requirements	Education	Other Certification	Experiential
Successful completion of NAWCO® approved Skin and Wound Management Course	✓		
Current approved Certification, CWS, CWCN, CWOCN, CWON		✓	
60 contact hours of approved continuing education in skin and wound care			✓

Additional Requirements	Necessary for all Applicants
Completion of application and required supporting documentation	✓
Full payment of required fees	✓
Passing score on WCC® Certification exam	✓

#4 Choose your Pathway	Education	Other Certification	Experiential
For more detailed information, please refer to the WCC® Candidate Examination Handbook	Education Pathway	Certification Pathway	Experiential Pathway



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