

Facts:

- RD/RDNs are becoming a more common part of wound care and should assess all patients with pressure injuries and other skin/wound issues.
- Poor nutrition can have a substantial negative effect on the ability to build new tissue and defend against infection.



- Nutritional needs can change in the presence of wounds, and the body requires the proper mix of both macro and micronutrients during wound healing.
- RD/RDNs are uniquely qualified to provide Medical Nutritional Therapy for patients with wounds.

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NAWCO is a nonprofit credentialing board governed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors which partners with the independent NAWCO Certification Committee has approved the NWCC board certification. The certification is highly respected by peers and all clinicians throughout the care continuum.



NAWCO is the leading wound care certification organization, certifying licensed healthcare professionals for more than 15 years.



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Nutrition is a Science - NOT a Fad.
Become Nutrition Wound Care Certified



A specialized certification that sets a new standard for the Registered Dietitian/Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RD/RDN) involved in wound care.



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Current wound care standards of care require a team approach. NWCC™ certified RDs/RDNs are key members who understand both the underlying causes of wounds and how to support the patient with proper nutritional interventions based on those underlying causes.

How to Pursue NWCC Board Certification

NWCC board certification is a voluntary choice made by eligible candidates to demonstrate their expertise in the management of nutrition and wounds.

The National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy® (NAWCO®) believes board certification should be available to all qualified candidates without requirements that involve months of long distance courses and preceptorships that can take you away from your job and family for extended periods of time. Our pathway options are straightforward (see NWCC eligibility chart).

Depending on your individual experience and education, NWCC board certification can be attained in as little as five (5) days. NWCC board certification is valid for five (5) years and does not demand expensive annual fees to maintain your status.



ELIGIBILITY CHART

NWCC Certification	Pathway Options		
	Experiential	Continuing Education	Training Course
#1 Eligible License Currently registered as a Registered Dietitian (RD), Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) by the Commission of Dietetic Registration	✓	✓	✓
#2 Experience* (In past 5 years) Have practiced the equivalent of at least one (1) year full-time or two (2) years part-time as a RD/RDN <small>*EXPERIENCE: Full-time is considered 40 hours per week. Part-time is considered less than 40 hours per week.</small>	✓	✓	✓
#3 Pathway Requirements <i>Must meet one (1) of the following</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized author of published works related to nutrition in wound care (e.g. textbooks, pocketbooks, e-books, guidelines, or peer reviewed journals) Served as officer, committee representative, or volunteer of a nationally recognized wound care organization* Nationally known speaker that has presented wound and nutritionally related topics 25 Contact Hours/Continuing Professional Education Units (CHs/CPEUs) in skin and wound care continuing education within the past five (5) years Graduation from a skin and wound management education course that meets certification committee criteria <small>ORGANIZATIONS: NPUAP, APWCA, WHS, AAWC, WOCNCB, ABWIM</small>	✓	✓	✓
#4 Additional Requirements	Necessary for all Applicants		
Applicants must agree to adhere to the NAWCO® Code of Ethics	✓		
Completion of application and required supporting documentation	✓		
Full payment of required fees	✓		
Passing score on NWCC™ Certification exam	✓		
#5 Choose Your Pathway For more detailed information about each pathway, refer to the NWCC™ Candidate Exam Handbook	Experiential Pathway	Continuing Education Pathway	Training Course Pathway

Once eligibility requirements are met, NWCC™ candidates may sit for the national board certification exam.



NWCC™ Board Certification

- Measures your academic and technical competence in the area of nutritional wound management beyond basic knowledge.
- Empowers you to help patients understand how critical proper nutrition and personalized nutritional care plans affect their wound healing
- Increases your marketability and helps you stand out as the certified, nutritional expert on the wound care team.

Make the Most of Your NWCC™ Credential

Upon passing the certification exam, you will earn the credentials, NWCC to officially designate you as board certified in nutrition wound care. It is important to include NWCC with your professional license and other credentials. After all, you earned it and deserve the recognition that comes along with achieving board certification.



Tools and Resources

NAWCO® offers resources to support its certificants. One resource is the “Certificants” Support Site. This exclusive site offers career development tools, templates, and educational resources.