

## National Recognition

WCC board certification is nationally recognized by the Veterans Administration as an accepted credential and is on the Magnet-recognized list of national certifications included in the Demographic Data Collection Tool™ (DDCT).



## NAWCO®

The highly respected WCC® credential is the leading wound care certification in the United States. For more than 15 years, NAWCO has certified licensed healthcare professionals in wound care. NAWCO is a nonprofit credentialing organization governed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors which partners with the independent NAWCO Certification Committee has approved the WCC® board certification.



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Make a  
Difference in  
Wound Care  
Become Board  
Certified



*“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...”*

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## WCC Certification

- Assures tested competency in skin and wound management
- Validates skills and expertise for career advancement
- Provides self-confidence and industry recognition
- Increases income potential



## The Right Choice

When considering wound care certification, choose the credential that aligns best with your experience and education.

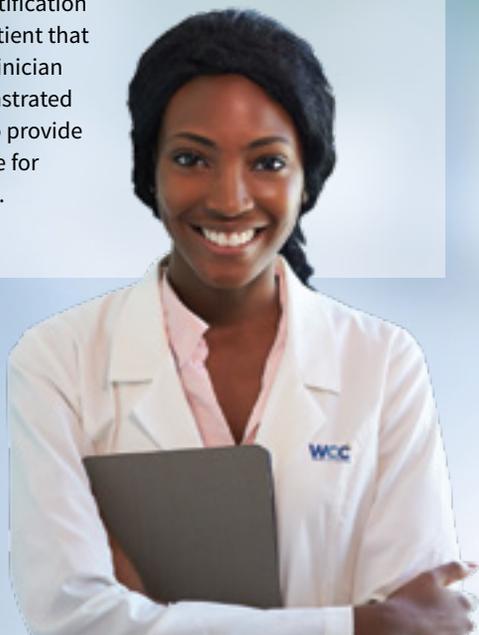
Our eligibility requirements options are straightforward (see WCC® eligibility chart). The National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy® (NAWCO®) believes board certification should be available to all qualified candidates without requirements that involve months of long distance courses and preceptorships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

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

## Wound Care Certification

WCC board certification is a voluntary choice made by eligible candidates to recognize their expertise in skin and wound management.

- The proven skills of WCCs sets them apart from clinicians who are not certified and only have minimal experience.
- WCC board certification assures the patient that their wound clinician has the demonstrated competency to provide the proper care for their wound(s).



# ELIGIBILITY CHART

WCC® Certification		Eligibility Requirements	
<b>#1 Eligible Licenses</b>		All Candidates	
Active unrestricted license: RN, LPN/LVN, NP, PA, PT, PTA, OT, OTA, MD, DO, DPM		✓	
<b>#2 Eligibility Requirements:</b> (Candidates must meet 1 Education Requirement and 1 Experience Requirement)			
<b>Education: (Must meet 1 of the options listed below)</b>		All Candidates	
<b>Option A:</b> Graduation from a skin and wound management education course that meets certification committee criteria		✓	
<b>OR</b>		<b>OR</b>	
<b>Option B:</b> Current active CWCN, CWON, CWOON (from the Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB), or CWS certification (from the American Board of Wound Management (ABWM))		✓	
<b>AND</b>			
<b>Experience*: (Must meet 1 of the options listed below)</b>		All Candidates	
<b>Option A:</b> Have completed 120 hours of hands-on clinical training with approved NAWCO preceptor		✓	
<b>OR</b>		<b>OR</b>	
<b>Option B:</b> Have completed two (2) years full-time or four (4) years part-time experience in an approved profession with ongoing, active involvement in the care of wound care patients or in management, education, or research directly related to wound care		✓	
<small>*EXPERIENCE: Full-time is considered 40 hours per week. Part-time is considered less than 40 hours per week.</small>			
<b>#3 Choose Your Options</b>		Education	Experience
For more details about eligibility requirements, click the link below to refer to the Candidate Examination Handbook		Course or Existing Certification	Preceptor or 2 years FT or 4 years PT
<b>#4 Additional Requirements</b>		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 WCC® Certification exam		✓	

The certification committee requires that one option from each requirement be met. For Example: If applying to take the examination, and you intend to take a course and have 2 years of full time experience, you would meet the requirements for Education by Option A and Experience by Option B.

Once eligibility requirements are met, WCC candidates may sit for the board certification exam.



## Make the Most of Your WCC® Credential

Upon passing the certification exam, you will earn the credentials, WCC to officially designate you as board certified in wound care. It is important to include WCC 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.

## Other Certifications

NAWCO® offers five (5) professional certifications:

- Wound Care Certified, WCC®
- Diabetic Wound Certified, DWC®
- Lymphedema Lower Extremity, LLE®
- Ostomy Management Specialist®, OMS
- Nutrition Wound Care Certified, NWCC™