

Advanced Wound Care Knowledge

Improving the quality of care: that's the goal we all share as wound care clinicians. The AWCC certification shows that you're a head above the rest. It shows that you've mastered the cutting-edge knowledge and skills needed to evaluate, select, and use advanced wound care modalities and products to heal complex wounds.



The number of patients with chronic wounds continues to grow, despite a surge in advanced wound care treatment options. Advanced wound care is not just about dressings or modalities— It demands clinicians with higher-level skills, knowledge, and judgment to use today's advanced therapies effectively.

NAWCO®

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 AWCC board certification. NAWCO is the certifying board for the highly respected WCC credential, and has certified licensed healthcare professionals for more than 17 years.



NAWCO is the National Leader in
Wound Care Credentialing



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Foundation.
Become Advanced
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- Assures tested competency in advanced wound care modalities
- Validates skills and expertise for career advancement
- Promotes continued professional growth in advanced skin and wound management



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THE RIGHT CHOICE

Facts:

- It is estimated that in the U.S, 2.4 to 4.5 million people suffer from chronic lower extremity wounds.¹
- Chronic wounds last an average of 12-13 months, have a recurrence rate of 60-70%, and are costing in excess of \$25 billion annually to treat.²
- They lead to loss of function, decreased quality of life, and are a significant cause of morbidity.²

Chronic wounds are increasing in numbers and getting more difficult to treat. Wound care clinicians face these challenges everyday and the burden is growing.

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

The AWCC credential is designed for licensed clinicians who have successfully mastered the core principles of wound management and achieved prior certification in wound care (see the AWCC eligibility chart). The National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy®(NAWCO®) believes that advanced wound care certification should be available to physicians, nurses, therapists across the care continuum.

The AWCC credential is valid for five (5) years and does not demand expensive annual fees to maintain your status.

AWCC and Advanced Wound Care Certification board certification is a voluntary choice made by eligible candidates to recognize their expertise in skin and wound management.

- AWCC certification publicly affirms your advanced wound care skills, setting you apart from other clinicians certified in wound management.
- The credential assures your patients, your team, and your organization of your competency with advanced wound care products and techniques.



ELIGIBILITY CHART

AWCC Certification		Eligibility Requirements
#1 Eligible Licenses		Necessary for all Candidates
Active unrestricted license/certificate: RN, LPN/LVN, NP, APN, PT, PTA, OT, OTA, DPM, DO, MD, PA		✓
Current active certification with National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy (NAWCO®) as a "WCC®", Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB®) as a "CWCN®", "CWON®" or "CWOCN®" or current active certification with American Board of Wound Management (ABWM®) as a "CWS®" "CWCA®" or "CWSP®"		✓
Submission of Certification Application		✓
#2 Eligibility Requirements <i>(Candidates must meet both the Education Requirement and Experience Requirement)</i>		Necessary for all Candidates
Education: Graduation of advanced wound training course		✓
AND		
Experience: 1 year of full-time or 2 years of part time experience in an approved profession with ongoing, active involvement in the care of wound care patients or in wound management, education, or research directly related to advanced wound care		✓
#3 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 AWCC™ certification exam		✓

The certification committee requires that all requirements listed be met to sit for the AWCC™ certification examination

*ADDITIONAL FEES APPLY FOR COURSES OFFERED BY EDUCATIONAL PROVIDERS

NAWCO® will require proof of completion of training by way of the Certificate of Completion awarded upon completion of the course

REFER TO THE AWCC™ EXAM HANDBOOK FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

Complete the NAWCO® online application for the AWCC™ certification examination

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

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Make the Most of Your AWCC Credential

Upon passing the certification exam, you will earn the AWCC credential, officially designating you as board-certified in advanced wound care. The credential represents your higher skill level in battling wounds effectively and efficiently at the bedside while improving your patient's quality of life. It is important to include AWCC with your professional license and other credentials. After all, you earned it and deserve recognition for your achievement.



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 seven professional certifications:

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