

Join the Solution: Empower Your Role in Wound Care!

Proper wound care thrives on a collaborative team effort, where every member plays a crucial role. Amidst this team, the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Medical Assistant (MA), Medical Tech (MT), Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technician (CCHA), Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA), Patient Care Technician (PCT), Personal Care Aide (PCA), and Certified Care Partner (CCP) stand out as vital yet often overlooked contributors.

These frontline caregivers dedicate the most time at the bedside, delivering essential hands-on care. They possess a keen eye, the first to detect signs like developing pressure injuries, changes in food intake, or dehydration issues.

NAWCO® values and empowers these invaluable team members through the promotion of comprehensive education and certification. We recognize their indispensable role in patient care and are committed to enhancing their skills and knowledge.

Furthermore, NAWCO acknowledges the critical role of Emergency Medical personnel—EMTs and Paramedics—in wound management. We advocate for their continued education and certification to ensure optimal patient outcomes.



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 WPC® board certification. The WPC credential distinguishes passing candidates amongst others in similar professional fields and enhances the clinician's skill in wound prevention and skin care.

NAWCO is the leading wound care certification organization, certifying licensed healthcare professionals for more than 20 years.



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Enhance your professional skills, establish credibility with employers, and improve your career opportunities. Become Wound Prevention Certified®



Specialized certification in skin management and wound prevention.



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Scope of Practice

Central to the WPC®'s mission is the delivery of high-quality care aimed at achieving optimal patient outcomes in wound healing and prevention. The WPC follows a structured plan of care, offers patient education, and employs preventive measures to address wound care needs, skin complications, appliance requirements, positioning strategies, and psychosocial support.



The certification is highly recommended to all non licensed clinicians involved in wound care.

With the growing prevalence of chronic wounds and the increasing complexity of wound management, having certified wound care skills positions these valuable clinicians as essential healthcare providers in various settings, from hospitals to long-term care facilities.



ELIGIBILITY CHART

WPC Certification	Eligibility Requirements
#1 Eligible License/Certification Active unrestricted license/certification in good standing: CNA/MA/CCHA/LNA/PCT/PCA/EMT/Paramedic (*Students currently enrolled in programs, see #2)	Necessary for all Candidates ✓
#2 Experience in past 3 years (Must meet one of the following) Current certified/licensed clinician working in a healthcare setting OR Currently enrolled in a healthcare training program simultaneously with a skin and wound prevention management course	Necessary for all Applicants ✓
#3 Education Requirements Successful completion of skin management and wound prevention course that is minimum of 14 hours in length	Necessary for all Applicants ✓
#4 Additional Requirements Applicants must agree to adhere to the NAWCO® Code of Ethics Completion of application and required supporting documentation Full payment of required fees (NAWCO® certification fee is \$280. Additional course fees apply to certification by training option) Passing score on WPC® certification examination	Necessary for all Applicants ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

*ADDITIONAL FEES APPLY FOR COURSES OFFERED BY EDUCATIONAL PROVIDERS.



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



Maximize the Value of Your WPC® Certification

Congratulations on your decision to pursue the WPC® certification. Upon successfully passing the certification exam and earning the prestigious credential of WPC, you will officially be recognized as board certified in skin management and wound prevention.

Prominently display your WPC credential alongside your other credentials. This designation signifies your commitment to excellence and expertise in your field. And demonstrates your dedication to advancing your knowledge and skills in skin management and wound prevention. You have worked diligently to achieve this milestone, and you deserve the recognition that accompanies this certification.

It enhances your professional reputation and credibility among colleagues, employers, and clients. Moreover, it sets you apart as a leader in your field and opens up opportunities for career advancement and growth. Embrace your WPC credential with pride, and leverage it to elevate your professional standing and make a positive impact in the field of wound prevention and skin management.

Tools and Resources

NAWCO® offers resources to support its certificants. One resource is the "Certificant's" Support Site. This exclusive site offers career development tools, templates, and educational resources.

Professional Certifications

NAWCO® offers 7 professional certifications:
Wound Care Certified, WCC®
Diabetic Wound Certified®, DWC®
Ostomy Management Specialist®, OMS
Nutrition Wound Care Certified, NWCC™
Advanced Wound Care Certified, AWCC®
Wound Prevention Certified, WPC®
Lymphedema Lower Extremity, LLE®