

WOUND CREDENTIALIAL COMPARISON

Certification	Purpose	Find Out More	Credentialing Org	Who is eligible	Experience Needed	# of exam questions	Passing score	Passing rate (unofficial)	Test costs (subject to change)	Cert duration	Training Programs
CWS® Certified Wound Specialist	Formal recognition of a master level knowledge and specialty practice in wound management.	Info	ABWM® American Board of Wound Medicine	Licensed DOs, DPMs, MDs, NPs, DVMs, PAs, PTs, OTs, PharmD, RD, RN	3 years of combined wound experience	125	87/125	60%	\$575	10 years	WCPC
CWCA® Certified Wound Care Associate	Specialized knowledge in wound management promoting quality of care in persons with wounds.	Info	ABWM® American Board of Wound Medicine	LPN/LVN, RN, NP, PA, PT, PTA, OT, OTA, MD, DO, DPM, or Sales Professional - all certified healthcare assistants, healthcare administrators, dieticians, sales/mkt professional & academic researchers.	3 years combined wound experience	120	72% or higher (72/100)	64%	\$375	10 years	WCPC
CWSP® Certified Wound Specilaist - Physician	Wound care certification developed for physicians.	Info	ABWM® American Board of Wound Medicine	MDs, DOs, DPMs	3 years combined wound experience	150	116/150	80%	\$995	10 years	WCPC
WCC® Wound Care Certified	To promote consumer protection and confer peer and public recognition to those individuals who prove proficient in their practice.	Info	NAWCO® National Alliance Wound Care & Ostomy	LPN/LVN, RN, NP, PA, PT, PTA, OT, OTA, MD, DO, DPM, or Sales Professional	2 years full time or 4 years part time (at least 20 hours/week) OR previous/current ABWM or WOCNCB certification. Or 120 hours hand on clinical training with approved NAWCO preceptor	110	weighted equation	76%	\$380	5 years	Healiant, WCEI, Wound Educators, WOCN
AWCC™ Advanced Wound Care Certified	Provide assurance to public by promoting the delivery of safe and effective skin & wound management.	Info	NAWCO® National Alliance Wound Care & Ostomy	RN, LPN/LVN, NP, APN, PT, PTA, OT, OTA, DPM, DC, MD, PA	Complete 1 year of full-time or 2 years of part time experience in an approved professions with ongoing, active involvement in the care of wound care patients or in wound management, education, or research directly related to advanced wound care. An existing wound certification.	100	85%	68%	\$380	5 years	Healiant
CWOCN	Independently certified credential that is solely dedicated to nurses.	Info	WOCNCB® Wound, Ostomy, Continance Nursing Certification Board	RN with a Bachelors Degree Nurses	50 CE contact hours plus 1500 clinical hours in past 5 years or WOC education program preceptor	120		71%	\$395	5 years	WOCNEP