

How to Determine if the WOCNCB's Traditional Pathway or Experiential Pathway is Right Election for Your Admissions

Traditional Pathway to Certification Exam Eligibility	Experiential Pathway to Certification Exam Eligibility
Current RN licensure	Current RN licensure
Minimum Baccalaureate degree	Minimum Baccalaureate degree
Successful completion of didactic courses & practicum experience from a WOCN® accredited program, for each specialty credential desired.	Minimum 50 continuing education credits plus 1,500 hours direct patient care within the last five years before testing for each specialty credential desired, and 375 hours in each specialty, or a total of 1125 hours, must have occurred within the year prior to application
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Suggested option for those wishing to test <i>within one year of successful program completion.</i>	Suggested option for those planning to test <i>a year or more after successful program completion, or already have experience.</i>
Add AP nurse licensing for those wishing to test for AP credentials	Add AP nurse licensing for those wishing to test for AP credentials
Elect ONE of the following practicum course options: Onsite - Cleveland Clinic Option: The program will assign students to Cleveland Clinic's preceptors on main campus in Cleveland, OH. OR Offsite Clinical Option: Preceptors and clinical sites must be secured from our program's WOC clinical database* of approved nurses and locations for all clinical experiences in your own geographical area. OR Split Clinical Option: 60% of clinical hours completed either onsite or offsite; 40% of hours completed virtually <u>per specialty course</u> . (NOTE*: Our WOCNEP's clinical database is separate from the one listed on the WOCN Society's website.) Contact our office at WOCschool@ccf.org or 216-317-7163 to make inquiries.	NO PRACTICUM COURSE COMPLETION N/A

Our WOCNEP is accredited by the WOCN® to provide continuing education in professional practice concepts, wound management, fecal and urinary diversion (ostomy) management, and urinary and fecal incontinence management education towards the role of WOC Nurse specialist. Graduates of the program are eligible for the WOCNCB certification exams.

Exam eligibility - licensed RNs with a minimum of a baccalaureate degree combined with successful program completion are eligible for testing. Sixty (60) ANCC contact hours of nursing continuing education are awarded on successful completion of each didactic course. Participants can elect to complete didactic & practicum courses for a certificate of completion from our program, or complete didactic courses that can be combined with clinical experience for certification board testing eligibility.

Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nurses Society™ (WOCN®) Accreditation – this means our WOCNEP has been approved by the WOCN® accreditation committee, and meets the minimum standards in providing WOC nursing continuing education based on the WOCN® curriculum blueprint and accreditation manual. Our WOCNEP is a WOCN® accredited program. This accredited program is a separate business entity from the WOCN® Society. WOCN® is the legal abbreviated trade name referring to the society, and should never be used as a credential.

Wound, Ostomy, Continence Certification Board (CB) – The WOCNCB is a separate business entity from the WOCN® Society and from our WOCN® accredited program. It is the CB that determines exam eligibility, awards the legally defensible credential based on successfully completed exams, and determines the knowledge level and skills needed for safe practice. **There are two paths to exam eligibility**; the traditional route through successful completion of a WOCN® accredited program, and the experiential route through successful completion of specific continuing education content combined with clinical hours of on-the-job specialty experience. The CB is accredited through the accrediting body to provide the legally defensible credentials based on specific standards of testing and exam eligibility (see www.wocncb.org for more information).