

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOUND CARE AND OSTOMY® (NAWCO®)

EXAMINATION:

WCC® Wound Care Certification Examination

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants for the NAWCO WCC Certification Examination must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1. Active unrestricted license as a Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Physical Therapist, Physical Therapy Assistant, Occupational Therapist, Physician or Physician's Assistant.
- 2. Must meet one of the following:
 - a. Education Option
 - Successful graduate of NAWCO approved "Wound Management Certification Training Course".
 - Documentation of active involvement in the care of wound care patients, or in management, education or research directly related to wound care while actively licensed for at least two years full-time/four years part-time within the past five years.

b. Certification Option

- Current active certification with Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB) as a
 "CWCN®", "CWON®", "CWOCN®" or Current active certification with American Academy of Wound Management
 (AAWM) as a "CWS"®.
- Documentation of active involvement in the care of wound care patients, or in management, education or research directly related to wound care while actively licensed for at least two years full-time/four years part-time within the past five years.

c. Experiential Option

- Documentation of active involvement in the care of wound care patients, or in management, education or research directly related to wound care while actively licensed for at least four years full-time within the past five years.
- 60 contact hours in skin and wound care.

d. Preceptor Option

- Successful graduate of NAWCO approved "Wound Management Certification Training Course".
- Complete a minimum of 120 hours of hands on clinical training with an NAWCO approved clinical preceptor after completion of "Wound Management Certification Training Course".

NOTE: YOU MUST FIRST PRE-REGISTER WITH THE NAWCO TO TAKE A CERTIFICATION EXAM

Candidates interested in taking the examination should contact the NAWCO for detailed qualifications and an application.

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Email: information@nawccb.org

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Once you have been approved, you are responsible for scheduling an appointment to take the examination.

TELEPHONE REGISTRATION

To schedule an examination by phone, please call 800-733-9267. The times of operation for live operators are as follows:

Time Zone	Monday - Friday	Saturday - Sunday
Eastern Time	7:30am - 10:00pm	9:00am - 5:30pm
Central Time	6:30am - 9:00pm	8:00am - 4:30pm
Mountain Time	5:30am - 8:00pm	7:00am - 3:30pm
Pacific Time	4:30am - 7:00pm	6:00am - 2:30pm

CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee if your cancellation notice is received 24 hours before the scheduled examination date.

Note: A voice mail message is not an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the telephone system and speak to a Customer Service Representative.

MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

Your registration will be invalid, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled, and you will forfeit your examination fee, if you:

- Do not cancel your appointment 24 hours before the schedule examination date.
- Do not appear for your examination appointment.
- Arrive after examination start time.
- Do not present proper identification and letter of authorization when you arrive for the examination.

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT THE EXAMINATION SITE

Candidates must register for the exam with their LEGAL first and last name as it appears on their government issued identification. All required identification below must match the first and last name under which the candidate is registered. Candidates need to provide one (1) valid form of non-expired, government issued identification, bearing photo and signature.

ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION - Choose One (Must be current)

- State issued driver's license
- State issued identification card
- US Government Issued Passport
- US Government Issued Military Identification Card
- US Government Issued Alien Registration Card

Failure to provide one of the required identifications at the time of the examination without notifying PSI is considered a missed appointment and you will not be able to take the examination at that time.

SECURITY PROCEDURES

Candidates will receive 2 pieces of scratch paper and a pencil.

The following security procedures will apply during the examination:

- While at an examination site, you are considered to be a professional and shall be treated as such. In turn, you must conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times. While at the site, you shall not use words or take actions that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or that would denigrate the staff or other candidates.
- NO conversing or any other form of communication among candidates is permitted once you enter the <u>examination</u> area.
- Cell phones, pagers, and children are not allowed in the examination center. NO personal items are to enter the testing center. Candidates are encouraged to leave all personal belongings except their keys in their car.
- No smoking, eating, or drinking will be allowed at the examination site.
- Copying or communicating examination content is a violation of security policy. Either one may result in the disqualification of examination results and may lead to legal action.

TESTING SITES

There are nationwide examination centers. You will be provided with the locations upon scheduling for your examination.

EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS

All examination centers are equipped to provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and exam accommodations will be made in meeting a candidate's needs. Applicants with disabilities or those who would otherwise have difficulty taking the examination must get pre-approval from their sponsor.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Score reports will be provided upon completion of the exam.