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Dear Applicant,

We appreciate your interest in Cleveland Clinic's WOC Nursing Education program (WOCNEP). Our admissions guide's content provides information about our online program options, admission prerequisites, steps to complete your admissions onboarding criteria, and a link to our online admissions application form.

Our program was established in 1961 as the first WOCNEP of its kind in the world. It is accredited by the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses' Society™ with current accreditation through December 31, 2029. Our curriculum is rooted in evidence and best practice that provides education focused on Professional Practice Concepts in WOC Nursing, Acute & Chronic Wounds Management, Fecal and Urinary Diversion Management, and Urinary & Fecal Incontinence Management. ***This is a rigorous program designed to prepare you for the role of a WOC Nurse specialist, and determining your best time to start the program is important.***

A WOC Nurse specialist is vital in pre- and post-operative management of a person with an ostomy; instrumental in the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcer injury, lower extremity wounds, fistulae, and other chronic wound and skin disorders; and provides specialized care for persons with urinary and fecal continence concerns. During the program, you will acquire the knowledge and skills to establish a WOC practice, and to provide the following: direct patient care and education, address psychological concerns, discharge plan, provide rehabilitative counseling, and follow-up care.

Our online courses include asynchronous weekly discussion threads, self-directed learning modules, individual assignments, practicum course options, and a comprehensive final exam for each specialty course. All didactic course work is completed and submitted within the online learning management system (LMS). Course descriptions can be located on our program's website at: [Click Here for Course Descriptions](#).

Prior to enrolling, you should consider all additional costs associated with this program. Some additional costs include: textbooks, laptop, and clinical fees. Clinical fees may include: preceptor fees, airfare, housing, food, living expenses, parking and local transportation fees, potentially lost wages, and/or child care.

If you are interested in enrolling, please proceed on to **[Step 1: Select a WOC Cohort and Adhere to All Required Dates for Admissions](#)**. You may apply only during the "open enrollment" periods listed and by completing and submitting your online admissions application form located in **[Step 2: Program Prerequisites and Required Admissions Documentation](#)**. Additionally, your \$200 nonrefundable application fee must be remitted online at the time when you submit your admissions application form. **Each cohort's seating fills quickly and once seating has filled to maximum capacity, the online admissions application form automatically will close early and become non-accessible until the next cohort's open registration period begins.**

Upon receipt of your admissions application, and \$200 nonrefundable application fee, the business office will initiate your admissions onboarding event in our automated RedCarpet-Silkroad system. RedCarpet will email you a student user account and it will provide you with instructions to complete all your admissions onboarding criteria. **Your assigned Red-Carpet admissions tasks must be finalized by the cohort's posted "Final Date to Complete ALL Admission Requirements" posted on the annual class schedule as well as your tuition must be paid in full.**

Program questions may be directed to our WOC Admissions & Business Office Coordinator, Teresa Warnke, at WOCSchool@ccf.org, or 216-317-7163 (Monday –Thursday, 8 am – 3:30 pm, and Friday 8 – 10 a.m., E.T.).