

## Which WOCNCB Pathway (Traditional or Experiential) Is the Right Election for Your Admission?

Traditional Pathway to Certification Exam Eligibility	Experiential Pathway to Certification Exam Eligibility
Current RN licensure & minimum baccalaureate degree.	Current RN licensure & minimum baccalaureate degree.
Successful completion of didactic courses & practicum experience from a WOCN® accredited program, for each specialty credential desired.	Post-baccalaureate degree; minimum 50 continuing education credits plus 1,500 practice hours in <b>wound, ostomy, and/or continence</b> patient care within the last five years before testing for <b>each</b> specialty credential desired. For each specialty, 375 hours must have occurred within the year prior to application, or a total of 1,125 hours for the tri-scope applicant.
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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 specialty W-O-C work 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
<p><b>Elect ONE of the following clinical rotation options:</b></p> <p><b><u>Full Hours at Cleveland Clinic (N.E. Ohio):</u></b> 40 clinical hours required for each specialty course selected. The program will assign Cleveland Clinic preceptors in their N.E. Ohio campuses.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p><b><u>Full Hours with clinical in your state:</u></b> 40 clinical hours required for each specialty course elected. Preceptors and clinical sites must be secured from our program's WOC clinical database* of approved nurses and U.S. locations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p><b><u>Split Hours with clinical either at Cleveland Clinic or in your own state):</u></b> A minimum of 24 clinical hours at an approved clinical site PLUS a minimum of 16 virtual clinical coursework hours PER specialty course elected.</p> <p><b>(NOTE*:</b> Our WOCNEP's clinical database is separate from the one listed on the WOCN Society's website. Contact our office at <a href="mailto:WOCschool@ccf.org">WOCschool@ccf.org</a> or 216-317-7163 to make inquiries.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO PRACTICUM COURSE NOR CLINICAL ROTATION COMPLETION</b></p> <p><b>STOP:</b> Review the WOCNCB credentialing board's Experiential Pathway testing criteria on their organizational website.</p> <p>Determine if you will meet their eligibility criteria to complete your certification board exam(s) upon successful completion of our program's didactic courses.</p> <p>Directly contact their organization with any questions for clarification.</p>

**Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nurses Society™ (WOCN®) Accreditation** – A WOCNEP that has been approved by the WOCN® Accreditation Committee, and it 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, and a separate business entity from the WOCN® Society and from the WOCNCB. WOCN® is the legal abbreviated trade name referring to the society, and it should never be used as a credential. The same is true for the WOCNCB.

**Credentialing Exam eligibility** 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 with the emphasis on the role of WOC Nurse specialist. Sixty (60) ANCC contact hours of nursing continuing education are awarded upon successful completion of each didactic course elected. Students also complete all corresponding clinical rotation requirements. Students who successfully complete our WOCNEP are eligible to test through the WOCNCB's Traditional Pathway to certification to earn their credentials. (NOTE: students who complete the Experiential Pathway must also meet WOCNCB's Experiential Pathway credential testing criteria.)

**Wound, Ostomy, Continence Certification Board** – The WOCNCB is a separate business entity from the WOCN® Society and from our accredited WOCNEP. The WOCNCB determines exam eligibility, and the knowledge level and skills needed for safe practice and awards the legally defensible credential based on successfully completed exams. (See [www.wocncb.org](http://www.wocncb.org) for more information).