

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

If you are actively completing another academic program, it is not recommended that you enrollment in this WOC Nursing program at the same time. It is anticipated that students will spend an average of 12-15 hours per week on class assigned coursework. Knowledge of Microsoft Office's Word and PowerPoint are essential for completion of all didactic coursework. All courses also require the use of APA formatting for answers to posted weekly discussion questions and assignments. If you are unaccustomed to this style, the following website may help: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>.

ONLINE PROGRAM

WOC001 - Concepts in WOC Nursing (CCE 1406)

C.E. Hours Awarded Upon Successful Completion: 55

The Concepts in WOC Nursing Course provides the learner with insights to diverse cultural backgrounds, how age influences WOC nursing care, legal and ethical considerations, preparing a business plan for a WOC nursing practice, and delves into the historical underpinnings of WOC Nursing. You will also learn how to use an online learning system.

WOC002 - Acute & Chronic Wounds (CCE 1410)

C.E. Hours Awarded Upon Successful Completion: 56

This course explores the differences between acute & chronic wounds, differentiates between the types of chronic wounds, how to analyze barriers to healing to develop an individualized plan of care, & select from a growing variety of topical wound strategies that optimize the wound environment for healing.

WOC003 - Fecal and Urinary Diversions (CCE1411)

C.E. Hours Awarded Upon Successful Completion: 55

The fecal & urinary diversion course takes the learner into the details and specifics of caring for a person with an ostomy, the very roots of WOC nursing. Within this course you will listen to lectures about basic ostomy care, pouching technology, pouch fitting, pre-operative stoma site selection, pre-operative counseling, managing stoma and peristomal skin complications, and surgical procedures.

WOC004 - Urinary and Fecal Incontinence Management (CCE1407)

C.E. Hours Awarded Upon Successful Completion: 52

The fecal & urinary continence course takes the learner through the myths and issues surrounding incontinence as a financial and healthcare issue. Incontinence is further subdivided into different types based on the assessment of the symptoms and the physical issues associated with those symptoms. Obtaining a medical and surgical history for a patient with incontinence provides the WOC nurse with the clues need to formulate a plan of care aimed at either resolution or improvement of the symptoms.

WOC005 - Practicum

In this last part of the program you will need to complete clinical hours in direct patient care under the supervision of an approved preceptor. The number of clinical hours to be completed will depend upon the number of courses in the specialty scope selected. One course is 40 hours, two courses is 80 hours, or three courses is 120 hours. Clinicals may be completed in your own geographical area or onsite at Cleveland Clinic's main campus in Cleveland, Ohio.

ONSITE PROGRAM

WOC006 – Onsite WOC Nursing Education

C.E. Hours Awarded Upon Successful Completion: 25

The onsite classes are presented in a traditional classroom setting, and provide the didactic, clinical skills lab, and clinical experience covering the full scope of WOC nursing. Topics include wound, ostomy, and continence specialty content, and the professional practice topics that provide the learner with information to set up a new WOC nursing practice. Specialty content includes a review of associated anatomy and physiology, disease pathophysiology relating to WOC nursing, assessment and management strategies, and group work to develop critical thinking skills in managing patients with WOC nursing needs. Students will complete 160 didactic and 160 clinical hours during the program. Clinical hours are completed through participating in clinical skills labs and direct patient care under the supervision of an approved preceptor.