Dear Applicant,

We appreciate your interest in Cleveland Clinic’s WOC Nursing Education program. Our enrollment guide’s content provides information about our online program options, enrollment pre-requisites, steps to enroll, and a link to our online enrollment application request form.

Our program was established in 1961 as the first WOC Nursing program of its kind in the world. It is accredited by the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses’ Society™. Our curriculum provides education in Concepts & Professional Practices in WOC Nursing, Acute & Chronic Wounds and Skin Management, Fecal and Urinary Diversions, and Urinary & Fecal Incontinence Management. This is a rigorous program designed to prepare you for the role of a WOC Nurse specialist, and therefore 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 who provide specialized care for person with urinary and fecal continence concerns. During the program, you’ll acquire the knowledge and skills to establish a WOC practice, provide direct patient care and education, and address psychological concerns, discharge planning, rehabilitative counseling, and follow-up care.

Our online courses include asynchronous weekly discussion threads, self-directed learning modules, individual projects, clinical experience under the supervision of a preceptor, and a comprehensive final exam for each course. All didactic course work is completed and submitted within the online learning management system (LMS).

Prior to enrolling, you should consider all additional costs associated with this program. Such as: textbooks, laptop, and any practicum and preceptor fees. Additional costs for a clinical experience may include: housing, food, living expenses, parking and transportation fees, potentially lost wages, and/or child care. Onsite clinicals at Cleveland Clinic will be scheduled based upon preceptor availability and may require travel to and from multiple N.W. Ohio hospital locations.

If you are interested in enrolling, please proceed on to Step 1: Select a WOC Class and Adhere to All Required Dates for Enrollment. You may apply only during the “open enrollment” period listed and by completing and submitting your online enrollment application request form located in Step 2: Program Prerequisites and Required Enrollment Documentation. Additionally, your $200 nonrefundable application fee must be remitted online at the time when you submit your enrollment request form. Cohorts’s seating fills quickly and once seating has filled to maximum capacity, the online registration portal automatically will close early until the next cohort’s enrollment period opens.

Upon receipt of your application request form and $200 nonrefundable application fee, the school will initiate your registration process in our automated RedCarpet-Silkroad onboarding system. RedCarpet will email you a student user account and it will provide you with instructions to complete all your enrollment onboarding requirements. Your assigned enrollment tasks, in RedCarpet, must be finalized by the cohort’s posted “Final Date to Complete ALL Enrollment Requirements” posted on the annual class schedule as well as tuition paid in full.

Program questions may be directed to our Admissions & WOC Program Coordinator, Teresa Warnke, at WOCSchool@ccf.org, or 216-317-7163 (7 am – 2:30 pm, EST).

Sincerely,

Linda Stricker, MSN/Ed, RN, CWOCN
Director, WOC Nursing Education