

## How to Determine if the WOCNCB's Traditional or Experiential Pathway is the Right Election for Admissions

Traditional Pathway to Certification Exam Eligibility	Experiential Pathway to Certification Exam Eligibility
Current RN licensure	Current RN licensure
Minimum Baccalaureate degree	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 (contact hours) 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 practicum course options:</b></p> <p><b>Onsite - Cleveland Clinic Option:</b> The program will assign students to Cleveland Clinic's preceptors on main campus in Cleveland, OH. <span style="color: blue;">OR</span></p> <p><b>Offsite Clinical Option:</b> Preceptors and clinical sites must be secured from our program's WOC clinical database* of approved nurses and U.S. locations for all clinical experiences in your own geographical area. <span style="color: blue;">OR</span></p> <p><b>Split Clinical Option:</b> 60% of clinical hours completed either onsite or offsite; 40% of hours completed virtually <u>per specialty course.</u></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="color: red; text-align: center;"><b>NO PRACTICUM COURSE COMPLETION</b></p> <p><b>STOP:</b> Review the WOCNCB credentialing board's Experiential Pathway testing criteria on their organization's 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 them with any questions for clarification.</p>

**Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nurses Society™ (WOCN®) Accreditation** – Indicates a WOCNEP has been approved by the WOCN® Accreditation Committee, and meets the minimum standards in providing WOC nursing continuing education based on the WOCN® curriculum blueprint and accreditation manual. This WOCNEP is a WOCN® accredited program. This accredited program is a separate business entity from the WOCN® Society. WOCN® is the legal abbreviated trade name referring to the society, and should never be used as a credential.

**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 towards the role of WOC Nurse specialist. Sixty (60) ANCC contact hours of nursing continuing education are awarded on successful completion of each didactic course elected. Students also complete 40 hours of clinical per specialty course elected. Students, who successfully complete our WOCNEP, then 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 the WOCNCB's credential testing criteria.)

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