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Dear Applicant,

We appreciate your interest in Cleveland Clinic's WOC Nursing Education program (WOCNEP). This admission guide's content provides information about our online program, specialty courses and clinical rotation options, admission requirements and process, tuition and other financial considerations, as well as a link to our online admission application.

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 with approximately 20+ hours in weekly coursework. It is designed to prepare you for the role as a WOC Nurse specialist, and it's important for you to determine your best time to start the program.**

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 injuries, 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 planning, provide rehabilitative counseling, and follow-up care.

Our online courses include asynchronous weekly discussion threads, self-directed learning modules, individual assignments, and clinical rotation 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 found 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 childcare. These additional costs are the sole responsibility of the applicant / student.

If you are interested in admission, please proceed on to **Step 1: Select a WOC Cohort and Adhere to All Required Dates for Admission**. You may apply only during the "open admission" periods listed by completing and submitting your online admission application e-form located in **Step 2: Admission Requirements and Process**. Additionally, your \$200 non-refundable admission application fee must be remitted online at the time you submit your admission application e-form. **Each cohort's seating fills quickly and once seating has filled to maximum capacity, the online admission application form automatically will close early and then become non-accessible until the next cohort's open admission period begins.**

Upon receipt of your admission application, and \$200 nonrefundable admission application fee, our business office will initiate your admission onboarding event in our Rival admission onboarding system. Rival will email you a student user account and it will provide you with instructions to complete your admission onboarding criteria. **Your assigned Rival admission tasks must be finalized by the cohort's posted "Final Date to Complete ALL Admission Requirements" posted on the annual class schedule. Additionally, your tuition must be paid in full by this date.** Otherwise, you will not secure a seat in the elected cohort.

Program questions should be directed to our WOC Admission & Business Office Coordinator, Teresa Warnke, at WOCschool@ccf.org, or 216-317-7163 (Monday –Thursday, 8 am – 3:30 pm, and Friday 8 – 10 am, ET).