

Dear Applicant,

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

Our program was established in 1961 as the first WOC Nursing program in the world. It is guided by the curriculum criteria of the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses' Society™. The program 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 WOC program prepares you to play a vital role in pre- and post-operative management of a person with an ostomy; to be instrumental in the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcer injury, fistula, and other skin disorders; and to be a specialist in the care of patients with urinary and fecal incontinence. You'll acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to provide patients with effective psychological support, discharge planning, rehabilitative counseling and follow-up care.

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

Online options exist to acquire certification in one, two, or all three specialty tracks; which range from an 8 week up to a 16 week didactic class instruction. Each specialty course elected is four weeks in duration with a one week break in between courses. A minimum of 40 clinical hours is required for one specialty course certification; 80 hours for a dual scope; or 120 hours for all three. After successful completion of all didactic courses elected, students then have 90 days to complete all practicum requirements, and to complete course exams.


Practicum options include: 1) offsite (completing clinicals in your own geographical area), or 2) onsite (completing clinicals at a Northeast, Ohio, Cleveland Clinic hospital location). If electing an offsite option, then students are responsible to locate a board certified WOC preceptor and clinical site. If electing to complete clinicals onsite at Cleveland Clinic, we will make your preceptor and clinical scheduling arrangements. However, you will be responsible to locate and make your housing and travel arrangements after we provide you with your clinical schedule which denotes your assigned clinical hospital location.

Prior to enrolling, you should consider all additional costs associated with this program. Such as: textbooks, laptop or i-pad, and any offsite preceptor fees. For an onsite Cleveland Clinic clinical experience, additional costs include: U.S. Visa (international students), housing, food, living expenses, parking and transportation fees (between N.E Ohio hospital locations), and potentially lost wages.

If you are interested in enrolling, please select a cohort in [Step 1: Select a WOC Class and Adhere to the Registration Deadline Date](#), and apply during the "open enrollment" period listed by completing and submitting your online enrollment application request form located in [Step 2: Program Prerequisites and Required Enrollment Documentation](#). As well as paying your \$200 nonrefundable application fee online when you submit your application form. Upon receipt of your application form and \$200 application fee, the school will initiate your registration process in our automated RedCarpet-Silkroad onboarding system. RedCarpet will email you a user account and it will provide you with instructions to complete all your enrollment requirements by the class' posted "registration close date" (Refer to [Step 1: Select a WOC Class and Adhere to the Registration Deadline Dates](#)).

If you have any questions about our program, please directly contact our admissions & program coordinator, Teresa Warnke, at WOCSchool@ccf.org.

Sincerely,



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