

A COMPLETE
Guide
TO

ROLE DELINEATION

AMONG
WOCNCB®
CERTIFIED WOUND
CARE PROVIDERS



Wound
Ostomy and
Continence
Nurses
Society®

	WOUND TREATMENT ASSOCIATE	WOC REGISTERED NURSE	WOC GRADUATE-LEVEL PREPARED REGISTERED NURSE	WOC ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE
EDUCATION	Minimum of a nursing diploma, associate's degree, practical/vocational nurse education; or successful completion of military medic training.	Minimum baccalaureate degree.	Master's degree or higher.	Master's degree or higher.
LICENSURE	Licensed as a Registered Nurse or Practical Nurse/Vocational Nurse by the State Board of Nursing (SBON) in the state(s) where the nurse practices. Licensure is not required for military medics.	Licensed as a Registered Nurse by the State Board of Nursing (SBON) in the state(s) where the nurse practices.	Licensed as a registered nurse by the State Board of Nursing (SBON) in the state(s) where the nurse practices.	Licensed as a Registered Nurse by the State Board of Nursing (SBON) in the state(s) where the nurse practices.
SPECIALTY EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION	Certification as a Wound Treatment Associate (WTA-C) is available for nurses from the Wound, Ostomy Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB®). Certification may be preferred or required by some employers.	Completion of a WOC Nursing Education Program (WOCNEP) Accredited by the WOCN® Society in wound management and/or certification from the Wound, Ostomy Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB®) in wound care (i.e. Certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse [CWOCN]; Certified Wound Care Nurse [CWCN]; Certified Wound and Ostomy Nurse [CWON]).	Completion of a WOC Nursing Education Program (WOCNEP) Accredited by the WOCN® Society in wound management and/or certification from the Wound, Ostomy Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB®) in wound care (i.e. Certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse [CWOCN]; Certified Wound Care Nurse [CWCN]; Certified Wound and Ostomy Nurse [CWON]).	Completion of a WOC Nursing Education Program (WOCNEP) Accredited by the WOCN® Society in wound management and/or specialty certification or advanced practice certification by the Wound, Ostomy Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB®) in wound care. Certification as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse by a nationally recognized certification board such as the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).
LEVEL OF AUTONOMY	Functions under the direction of the supervising WOC specialty nurse (i.e., WOC Registered Nurse, WOC graduate-level prepared Registered Nurse, WOC Advanced Practice Registered Nurse); a Physician, Physician's Assistant, or Nurse Practitioner; or other qualified healthcare providers, experienced in wound care, such as a Clinical Nurse Specialist or a Certified Wound Specialist (CWS).	Functions under the guidance of a Physician or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.	Has advanced knowledge, skills, abilities and judgement; functions in an advanced level as determined by the nurse's position; and is not required to have additional regulatory oversight.	Functions independently or in collaboration with a physician, which is dependent on the State Board of Nursing (SBON) where the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse practices.
PRESSURE INJURY RISK ASSESSMENT AND PREVENTION	Identifies patients at risk for pressure injury development, implements preventative care per established protocols and monitors response.	Identifies patients at risk for pressure injury development, implements preventive care per established protocols and monitors response. Evaluates protocols /guidelines for prevention and treatment and recommends revisions when warranted.	Identifies patients at risk for pressure injury development; implements preventive care per established protocols. Uses data to ensure protocols and plans are current.	Identifies patients at risk for pressure injury development; ensures implementation of preventive care per established protocols. Uses data to ensure protocols and plans are current. Develops plan of care integrating assessment, diagnostic strategies and therapeutic interventions.
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES	Participates under the direction of a WOC nurse.	High-level performance improvement; provides leadership in designs of quality initiatives.	Designs quality improvement studies.	Coordinates a program.
RESEARCH	Participates under the direction of a WOC nurse or research coordinator.	High-level performance improvement; participates in research activities.	Conducts, appraises and synthesizes research.	Leads clinical trials.
PRODUCT ANALYSIS	Participates in product analysis.	Can lead a product analysis study.	Can lead a product analysis study.	Can lead a product analysis study.
PROFESSIONAL AND PATIENT EDUCATION	Provides patient education under the direction of a WOC nurse.	Develops and implements evidence-based educational programs for patients and healthcare providers.	Synthesizes research, evidence and frameworks when designing educational programs for patients and healthcare providers.	Synthesizes research, evidence and frameworks when designing educational programs for patients and healthcare providers.