

## COURSE FORMATS

The WTA Program is designed to be completed within three months, under the direction of a WOCN-approved WTA Course Coordinator. It consists of pre-recorded online learning modules and case studies, followed by on-site competency training and testing.

## ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society is accredited with distinction as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number CEP 15115.

"It is a very efficient and cost effective way for a facility to bring in a very high-level quality of education."

— Phyllis Bonham, PhD, MSN, RN, CWOCN, DPNAP, FAAN



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**WOCN® SOCIETY**

# What is the WTA PROGRAM?

The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society™ (WOCN®) developed the Wound Treatment Associate (WTA) Program as a continuing education program to further empower wound, ostomy and continence (WOC) specialty nurses and improve patient outcomes by enhancing their wound team.

The WTA Program prepares non-specialty nurses to provide basic, bedside wound care.

Graduates of the WTA Program who hold a nursing license are eligible for the WTA-C certification exam provided by the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB).

**100%** of students reported the WTA Program was helpful to their practice.\*

"Everything that we reviewed we were able to apply to what we did in a day-to-day practice."  
—Sonya Hicks, WTA Graduate

## Purpose of the WTA PROGRAM

Acknowledging the ever growing demand for wound care services in all health care settings, the WOCN Society developed this educational Program to:

1. Educate and prepare more skilled wound care providers across settings, including the military.
2. Enhance nurses' ability to provide optimal care for patients with acute and chronic wounds as members of a collaborative wound care team.
3. Provide the non-specialty nurse the ability to provide optimal care for patients with acute and chronic wounds under the direction of the WOC specialty nurse, WOC advanced practice registered nurse or physician.

## Why choose the WTA PROGRAM?

- » The WTA Program was developed and presented by internationally-recognized leaders and educators in wound management and prevention practices.
- » Unlike other wound education courses, the WTA Program requires comprehensive hands-on training and testing.
- » The WTA Program is an evidence-based continuing education course worth **24 contact hours** that meets international standards of care and prepares participants for the WTA-C certification.
- » WTA-C certification is offered through the WOCNCB, a certification body nationally recognized by the ABSNC and the NCCA.
- » The WOCN Society is an accredited provider of CNEs through the ANCC and was awarded Accreditation with Distinction, the ANCC's highest recognition.
- » Content provides clear discussion of role limitations and importance of CWCN consultation for complex and non-responsive wounds.
- » Delivery methods are designed to provide flexible, self-paced program completion.

\*WOCN Society. (2014). [WTA Program – Outcomes Survey].

## Information for PARTICIPANTS

The WTA Program is for non-specialty licensed wound care providers:

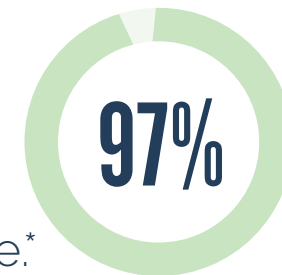
- » Licensed health care providers.
- » LPN's/LVN's.
- » Non-baccalaureate RN's.
- » Baccalaureate or Master's prepared RN's who do not wish to specialize but want adequate knowledge in wound care.
- » Physicians and other clinicians who want adequate knowledge in wound care.
- » Military medics (active duty), certified first responders and corpsmen.

Any licensed nurse is eligible and will receive continuing education contact hours upon completion of the Program. All other participants will obtain a certificate upon successful completion of the Program.

"Finding something that you really love to do, and finding that niche, just elevates your job satisfaction so much more. I get to do what I love to do every single day."

—Kate Lee, WTA Graduate

97% of students graduated with a passing rate.\*



**87% OF GRADUATES IMPLEMENTED CHANGES TO THEIR PRACTICE BASED ON INFORMATION AND SKILLS LEARNED.\***