COURSE FORMATS

The OCA Program is designed to be completed within three months, under the direction of a WOCN-approved OCA 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 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.

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“All modules were very helpful and informative for my nursing practice.”
— Theresa Goulet, RN, CMS

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What is the OCA PROGRAM?

The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society™ (WOCN®) developed the Ostomy Care Associate (OCA) Program as a continuing education program to further empower wound, ostomy and continence (WOC) specialty nurses and to improve patient outcomes by enhancing the general ostomy knowledge for the entire nursing team.

The OCA Program prepares non-specialty nurses to provide optimal ostomy care.

Purpose of the OCA PROGRAM

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

1. Educate and prepare more skilled ostomy care providers across all health care settings.
2. Enhance nurses’ ability to provide optimal care for patients with ostomies.
3. Provide the non-specialty nurse the ability to provide optimal care for patients with ostomies under the direction of a 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 a clinical nurse specialist (experienced in ostomy care).

Why choose the OCA PROGRAM?

» The OCA Program is an evidence-based online course that meets international guidelines for ostomy care and provides 27.0 Contact Hours for nurses.

» Unlike other ostomy education courses, the OCA Program requires hands-on training and testing facilitated by a WOCNCB-certified specialty nurse (CWOCN®, CWON®, COCN®, CWOCN-AP® or COCN-AP®).

» Pricing is designed to provide affordable ostomy care education.

» On-demand delivery platform provides flexible and accessible education.

» Developed and presented by internationally-recognized CWOCN leaders and educators in ostomy and fistula patient management.

» Content provides clear delineation of role and importance of CWOCN consultation for complex ostomy or fistula patient management.

Information for PARTICIPANTS

The OCA Program is for non-specialty licensed ostomy care providers, such as:

» Licensed health care providers.

» LPN’s/LVN’s.

» Non-baccalaureate RN’s.

» Baccalaureate prepared RN’s and Master’s prepared APN’s who do not wish to specialize but want adequate knowledge in ostomy care.

» Physicians and other clinicians who want adequate knowledge in ostomy care.

Licensed nurses are eligible and will receive contact hours upon completing the program. All other participants will obtain a certificate upon successful completion of the program.