The WOCN® Society developed the WTA Program to further empower wound, ostomy and continence (WOC) nurses in all health settings. When a WOC nurse is not available the WTA acts as a WOC nurse extender to provide optimal care for patients with acute and chronic wounds.

The WTA Program equips non-specialty licensed wound care providers with evidence-based international standards of care to work under the direction of a WOC specialty nurse, WOC advanced practice registered nurse or physician.

**Program Outcomes**

**32.25 Contact Hours** for nurses & **21 Continuing Competency Units** for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

- **87%** of graduates implemented changes to their practice based on information and skills learned.
- **96%** of Course Coordinators believe WTA graduates have increased collaborations with other health care team members to enhance prevention of pressure injuries and management of wound and skin care.
- **71%** of graduates reported improved patient outcomes.
- **97%** of graduates stated that new knowledge, or updated knowledge, was gained including:
  - the ability to do accurate wound assessments
  - understanding of treatment options
  - appreciation of the importance of critical and accurate documentation
  - communication with the health care team
  - better techniques in wound identification and management
  - patient and colleague education
  - promotion of wound prevention strategies

**Areas Impacted by WTA Knowledge & Practice**

- Professional Practice Behaviors: 59%
- Leadership Skills: 47%
- Critical Thinking Skills: 67%
- Nurse Competency: 74%
- High Quality Care Based on Best-Available Evidence: 67%
- Improvement in Nursing Practice: 83%
- Improvement in Patient Outcomes: 71%
- Improvement in Nursing Care Delivery: 73%

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