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Dear Applicant,

We appreciate your interest in Cleveland Clinic's WOC Nursing Education program (WOCNEP). This admission guide's content provides information about our online program. Specifically, you will find information about specialty courses offered, clinical rotation options**,** admission requirements and process, tuition and other financial considerations, as well as a link to our online admission application.

Our program was established in 1958 as the pioneer education program in the world for this WOC nursing specialty. It is accredited by the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses' Society™ with current accreditation through December 31, 2029. The curriculum is rooted in evidence based, best practices with an educational focus of Professional Practice Concepts in WOC Nursing; Acute & Chronic Wounds Management; Fecal and Urinary Diversion Management; and Urinary & Fecal Incontinence Management. It is designed to prepare individuals for the role of a WOC specialty nurse. *This is a rigorous program with approximately 20+ hours in weekly coursework.* It is important for you to determine your best time to start the program.

A WOC specialty nurse is vital in pre- and post-operative management of a person with abdominal stomas; instrumental in the prevention and treatment of pressure injuries, lower extremity wounds, fistulae, and other chronic wound and skin disorders; and provides specialized care for individuals with urinary and fecal continence and skin related conditions. During the program, you will acquire the knowledge and psychomotor skills to establish a WOC nurse practice, to provide direct patient care and education, to address psychological concerns, to provide discharge planning and rehabilitative counseling, along with follow-up care.

Our online courses include asynchronous weekly discussion threads, self-directed learning modules, and individual assignments. All didactic course work is completed and submitted within the online learning management system (LMS). There is a comprehensive program final exam for each specialty. We offer a variety of clinical rotation options. Course descriptions can be reviewed on our program's website at: Click Here for Course Descriptions.

Prior to admission, you should consider all additional costs associated with this program. Additional costs include textbooks and a laptop. Additional clinical fees may include preceptor fees, airfare, housing, meals, nursing uniform or scrubs, parking, and local transportation. Other potential fees include lost wages and childcare. All additional costs are the sole responsibility of the student.

Prior to starting the admission process, please thoroughly review the clinical hours, and approved preceptor and location requirements. Applications are only accepted during the "open admission" periods listed by completing and submitting an online Admission Application e-form and the required, $200 non-refundable admission application fee. Applications submitted without the required $200 non-refundable admission application fee will not be processed until payment is received by our program. Each cohort's enrollment fills quickly, and once filled to maximum capacity, the online admission application form automatically will close becoming inaccessible until the next cohort's open admission period begins.

Upon receipt of your admission application, and the $200 non-refundable admission application fee, our business office will initiate an admission onboarding event in our Rival (aka: RedCarpet) admission onboarding system. Rival will email you an applicant user account and instructions to complete your admission onboarding criteria. All assigned Rival admission tasks, including paid tuition, securing an approved preceptor and clinical site, must be finalized by the cohort's posted "Final Date to Complete ALL Admission Requirements" identified on the annual class schedule. Otherwise, you are not guaranteed enrollment in the elected cohort.

Program questions should be directed to our Admission & Program Coordinator, Teresa Warnke, at WOCschool@ccf.org, or mobile: 216-317-7163.

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Which WOCNCB Pathway Is the Right Election for Your Admission: Traditional or Experiential?

Traditional Pathway to WOCNCB Certification Exam Eligibility	Experiential Pathway to WOCNCB Certification Exam Eligibility
• Current, unencumbered U.S. RN license in state of approved and chosen clinical location. • Minimum baccalaureate degree. • APRN license for those wishing to certify for AP credentials.	• Current, unencumbered U.S. RN license. • Minimum baccalaureate degree. • APRN license for those wishing to certify for AP credentials.
• Cannot meet WOCNCB experiential pathway eligibility criteria. • Suggested option for those wishing to certify within one year of successful program completion. • Need 50 contact hours (CEs) for each desired specialty seeking certification. • Need practice hours dedicated to each desired specialty seeking certification. • Plan to seek certification for each specialty within five years of successful completion of didactic and practicum/clinical education provided by a WOCN accredited WOC Nursing Education Program	• Do not have a minimum of 50 contact hours (CEs) for each desired specialty seeking certification. • Have 1,500 practice hours for each desired specialty seeking certification. • Contact hours (CEs) and practice hours were earned post baccalaureate degree while practicing as a RN. • Contact hours (CEs) and practice hours were earned within previous five years. • 375 practice hours per specialty were earned within year prior to application. • Suggested option for those planning to certify a year or more after successful didactic course completion for each specialty able to meet practice hour requirements.

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SPECIALTY DIDACTIC & PRACTICUM COURSE OPTIONS

Traditional Pathway: One Specialty Track (14 – 22 weeks)	Traditional Pathway: Dual Specialty Track (23 -31 weeks)	Traditional Pathway: Tri-Scope Specialty Track (32 – 40 weeks)	Experiential Pathway (varies; up to 19 weeks) Nursing C.E. program only; NO clinical required
Admission Requirements: Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for admission. 1. Active, unencumbered, licensure as Registered Nurse in the U. S. with a baccalaureate degree or higher. 2. Non-nursing baccalaureate degree holders must demonstrate competencies in health assessment, leadership and management, research and statistics, and community health nursing 3. Completion of one year RN clinical experience following RN licensure. 4. Provide documentation of clinical nursing experience within the last 5 years: current, active practice, completion of a nurse refresher course or a clinical performance examination. 5. Ability to attend program's didactic classes and to complete a clinical rotation in the U.S. without a student VISA. Cleveland Clinic's WOC Nursing education program is unable to sponsor student VISAs for international students.			
$200 – Non-refundable Application Fee	**$200** – Non-refundable Application Fee	**$200** – Non-refundable Application Fee	**$200** – Non-refundable Application Fee
Didactic Specialty Courses: Each didactic course is four weeks in length with a one-week break between courses. **$3,200** – Tuition Choice of one specialty course: wound, ostomy or continence. Prerequisite Course: Professional Practice Concepts in WOC Nursing. **Practicum Course** Course is four weeks in length. **$350** – Tuition **Clinical Hours Options:** • Full, 40-hour clinical. **Or** • Split, 40-hour clinical. A **minimum** of 24 hours at a clinical site plus a minimum of 16 hours virtual, added clinical coursework.	**Didactic Specialty Courses:** Each didactic course is four weeks in length with a one-week break between courses. **$4,800** – Tuition Choice of two specialty courses: wound, ostomy, and/or continence combo. Prerequisite Course: Professional Practice Concepts in WOC Nursing. **Practicum Course** Course is eight weeks in length. **$350** – Tuition **Clinical Hours Options:** • Full, 80-hour clinical. **Or** • Split, 80-hour clinical. A **minimum** of 48 hours at a clinical site plus a minimum of 32 hours virtual, added clinical coursework.	**Didactic Specialty Courses:** Each didactic course is four weeks in length with a one-week break between courses. **$6,400** – Tuition All three specialty courses: wound, ostomy, and continence. Prerequisite Course: Professional Practice Concepts in WOC Nursing. **Practicum Course** Course is 12 weeks in length. **$350** – Tuition **Clinical Hours Options:** • Full, 120-hour clinical. **Or** • Split, 120-hour clinical. A **minimum** of 72 hours at a clinical site plus a minimum of 48 hours virtual, added clinical coursework.	**Didactic Specialty Courses** Each didactic course is four weeks in length with a one-week break between courses. Tuition – Based upon the number of specialty track courses selected. **$3,200** - One Course **$4,800** - Dual Course **$6,400** -Three Course Prerequisite Course: Professional Practice Concepts in WOC Nursing. **No Practicum Course** **STOP**: Prior to admission, review the WOCNCB credentialing board's **Experiential Pathway** testing criteria on their organization's website. Determine if you will meet WOCNCB's eligibility criteria to complete your certification board exam(s) upon successful completion of our program. Directly contact WOCNCB with any questions for clarification.
Clinical Location Options: • Elect clinical either at Cleveland Clinic or in another location. Non-Cleveland Clinic locations must be chosen from our program's approved clinical database. Some states do not have approved preceptors / hospitals. Prior to admission, email WOCschool@ccf.org request for such information and identify state of clinical / preceptor inquiry. • Must hold active, unencumbered RN license in state of clinical rotation.			
Exam Course (No Fee) Course is two weeks. One final exam	**Exam Course (No Fee)** Course is two weeks. Two final exams	**Exam Course (No Fee)** Course is two weeks. Three final exams	**No Practicum Course** No final exams.

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American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) C.E. contact hours are awarded for each successfully completed didactic course. More C.E. information may be found in the course descriptions at: Review Course Descriptions. Certificate of Completion awarded upon successful completion of all program course components (i.e., didactic, practicum, clinical, and final exams). Successful completion of chosen program course(s) meets requirements to apply and sit for WOCNCB administered credentialing exam(s).	**No Certificate of Completion issued.** **Successful completion of all didactic courses results in nursing contact hours being awarded.** Review the WOCNCB's website for more details on certification criteria.

Required Admission Documents by Educational Pathway

Traditional Pathway (Practicum Course, Clinical & Exam)	Experiential Pathway (no Practicum Course, no Clinical, & no Exam)
Active, unencumbered, U.S. RN nursing license **in state of approved clinical location.**	Active, unencumbered, U.S. RN nursing license
Official Baccalaureate e-transcripts	Official Baccalaureate e-transcripts
Current CV/resume	Current CV/resume
Personal, professional RN liability certificate of insurance **with coverage limits of not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence and $6,000,000 annual aggregate**. **NOTE**: Employer's RN liability insurance policy will not cover you as a WOC nursing student to complete the clinical criteria.	**N/A**
Active, personal health care insurance. ID card (both front and back sides) required.	**N/A**
Active American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) ID card	**N/A**
Completed Physical Requirements & Health Form by PCP / NP ***(must utilize our program's Physical Requirements & Health Form)***	**N/A**
Current, **lab results within the past 12 months** for annual Negative TB test (2-step Mantoux or QuantiFERON TB Gold test) or chest X-ray (if prior positive results).	**N/A**
Immunization and/or titer records **within the last 10 years** which evidence ongoing immunity for measles (Rubeola), German measles (Rubella), mumps, chicken pox (Varicella), Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) booster. As well as Hepatitis B vaccine/titer or our program's signed waiver form assuming the risk of exposure.	**N/A**
COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card evidencing proof that all required COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered. (Not required by all clinical sites.)	**N/A**
Flu vaccine record for current year (**for clinical rotations scheduled during October 1 – March 31**) or complete a religious or medical exemption form. Review and approval must be granted for such by Cleveland Clinic's OccHealth team.	**N/A**
Preceptor Application Packet (may be required for a Non-Cleveland Clinic approved preceptor)	**N/A**
Clinical Affiliation Agreement Template (may be required for a Non-Cleveland Clinic clinical site)	**N/A**

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Our annual Class Schedule has been prepared to assist applicants with admission timeline information and class dates. Any questions regarding this schedule should be directed to Teresa Warnke, Admission & Program Coordinator, mobile: 216-317-7163 or WOCschool@ccf.org.

2027 CLASS SCHEDULE & IMPORTANT DATES

*** * * Dates Subject to Change* * ***

IMPORTANT NOTES: "Before the Final Date to Complete Admission Requirements" - Applicant must have finalized ALL four admission requirements as indicated below. Failure to finalize these four admission requirements by the designated date will result in the applicant's admission application automatically being withdrawn.

Classes fill quickly and class size is limited and secured on a first-come, first-served basis by fully finalizing all assigned admission onboarding tasks.

WINTER Cohort	Class Start Date	Class End Date	ADMISSION OPENS	ADMISSION CLOSES *	FINAL DATE TO COMPLETE ALL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS **
Concepts	1-4-27	1-31-27	8-24-26	10-16-26	**11-13-26**
Wound	2-8-27	3-7-27	* If cohort reaches maximum capacity before this date, then admission may close earlier. * Class sizes are limited to maintain quality education. * All admission requirements include the following: 1) Finalize Rival-RedCarpet admission onboarding event. 2) For all courses selected, tuition received in full **BEFORE** midnight on **11-12-26**. 3) Preceptor application packet received and approved. 4) Clinical affiliation agreement "template" received in our Business Office. The legal review and negotiation of its terms will ensue while student is completing all didactic courses.		
Ostomy	3-15-27	4-11-27			
Continence	4-19-27	5-16-27			
Practicum	Clinical rotations, if elected, may begin one week after successful completion of all elected didactic specialty courses.	12 weeks from start date of practicum course. Includes coursework, clinicals, and one final exam for EACH specialty course successfully passed.			
SUMMER Cohort	**Class Start Date**	**Class End Date**	**ADMISSION OPENS**	**ADMISSION CLOSES ***	**FINAL DATE TO COMPLETE ALL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS ****
Concepts	4-19-27	5-16-27	12-28-26	**2-19-27**	**3-19-27**
Wound	5-24-27	6-20-27	* If cohort reaches maximum capacity before this date, then admission may close earlier. * Class sizes are limited to maintain quality education. ** All admission requirements include the following: 1) Finalize Rival-RedCarpet admission onboarding event. 2) For all courses selected, tuition received in full **BEFORE** midnight on **3-18-27.** 3) Preceptor application packet received and approved. 4) Clinical affiliation agreement "template" received in our Business Office. The legal review and negotiation of its terms will ensue while student is completing all didactic courses.		
Ostomy	6-28-27	7-25-27			
Continence	8-2-27	8-29-27			
Practicum	Clinical rotations, if elected, may begin one week after successful completion of all elected didactic specialty courses.	12 weeks from start date of practicum course. Includes coursework, clinicals, and one final exam for EACH specialty course successfully passed.			
FALL Cohort	**Class Start Date**	**Class End Date**	**ADMISSION OPENS**	**ADMISSION CLOSES ***	**FINAL DATE TO COMPLETE ALL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS ****
Concepts	8-2-27	8-29-27	4-5-27	**5-28-27**	**6-25-27**
Wound	9-6-27	10-3-27	* If cohort reaches maximum capacity before this date, then admission may close earlier. * Class sizes are limited to maintain quality education. ** All admission requirements include the following: 1) Finalize Rival-RedCarpet admission onboarding event. 2) For all courses selected, tuition received in full **BEFORE** midnight on **6-24-27**. 3) Preceptor application packet received and approved. 4) Clinical affiliation agreement "template" received in our Business Office. The legal review and negotiation of its terms will ensue while student is completing all didactic courses.		
Ostomy	10-11-27	11-7-27			
Continence	11-15-27	12-12-27			
Practicum	Clinical rotations, if elected, may begin one week after successful completion of all elected didactic specialty courses.	12 weeks from start date of practicum course. Includes coursework, clinicals, and one final exam for EACH specialty course successfully passed.			

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This Clinical Schedule identifies annual clinical rotation dates for an elected Cleveland Clinic (**Cleveland, Ohio)** clinical rotation. Preceptors shall be assigned by Cleveland Clinic's WOC clinical scheduling team. Clinicals are completed Mondays through Fridays from 8 AM until 5 PM, E.T. **An active, unencumbered, Ohio RN license is required**. Any questions regarding this schedule should be directed to Teresa Warnke, Admission & Program Coordinator, at mobile: 216-317-7163 or WOCschool@ccf.org.

2027 Clinical Schedule for Cleveland Clinic Rotation in Cleveland, Ohio

*** * * Dates Subject to Change* * ***

Winter Cohort	Practicum Course Start Date	Traditional Pathway – Full Hours Clinical (i.e. 40 hours at Cleveland Clinic (OH) per specialty course)			Traditional Pathway – Split Hours Clinical (Minimum 24 hours at Cleveland Clinic & 16 hours virtual per specialty course		
		Clinical Rotation Start Date	Clinical Rotation End Date	Clinical Hours	Clinical Rotation Start Date	Clinical Rotation End Date	Clinical Plus Virtual Hours
Wound (single scope)	3-15-27	3-15-27	3-19-27	40	3-15-27	3-17-27	24 / 16
Ostomy (single scope)	4-19-27	4-19-27	4-23-27	40	4-19-27	4-21-27	24 / 26
Wound & Ostomy (dual scope)	4-19-27	4-19-27	4-30-27	80	4-19-27	4-26-27	48 / 32
Wound or Ostomy **with** Continence (dual scope)	5-24-27 or 6-21-27	5-24-27 **OR** 6-21-27	6-4-27 **OR** 7-2-27	80	5-24-27 **OR** 6-21-27	5-31-27 **OR** 6-28-27	48 / 32
WOC (full scope) – Group 1	5-24-27	5-24-27	6-11-27	120	5-24-27	6-3-27	72 / 48
WOC (full scope) – Group 2	6-21-27	6-21-27	7-9-27	120	6-21-27	7-1-27	72 / 48
Summer Cohort	**Practicum Course Start Date**	**Traditional Pathway – Full Hours Clinical (i.e. 40 hours at Cleveland Clinic (OH) per specialty course)**			**Traditional Pathway – Split Hours Clinical (Minimum 24 hours at Cleveland Clinic & 16 hours virtual per specialty course**		
		Clinical Rotation Start Date	**Clinical Rotation End Date**	**Clinical Hours**	**Clinical Rotation Start Date**	**Clinical Rotation End Date**	**Clinical Plus Virtual Hours**
Wound (single scope)	6-28-27	6-28-27	7-2-27	40	6-28-27	6-30-27	24 / 16
Ostomy (single scope)	8-2-27	8-2-27	8-6-27	40	8-2-27	8-4-27	24 / 26
Wound & Ostomy (dual scope)	8-2-27	8-2-27	8-6-27	80	8-2-27	8-9-27	48 / 32
Wound or Ostomy **with** Continence (dual scope)	9-6-27 or 10-4-27	9-6-27 **OR** 10-4-27	9-17-27 **OR** 10-15-27	80	9-6-27 **OR** 10-4-27	9-13-27 **OR** 10-11-27	48 / 32
WOC (full scope) – Group 1	9-6-27	9-6-27	9-24-27	120	9-6-27	9-16-27	72 / 48
WOC (full scope) – Group 2	10-4-27	10-4-27	10-22-27	120	10-4-27	10-14-27	72 / 48
Fall Cohort	**Practicum Course Start Date**	**Traditional Pathway – Full Hours Clinical (i.e. 40 hours at Cleveland Clinic (OH) per specialty course)**			**Traditional Pathway – Split Hours Clinical (Minimum 24 hours at Cleveland Clinic & 16 hours virtual per specialty course**		
		Clinical Rotation Start Date	**Clinical Rotation End Date**	**Clinical Hours**	**Clinical Rotation Start Date**	**Clinical Rotation End Date**	**Clinical Plus Virtual Hours**
Wound (single scope)	10-11-27	10-11-27	10-15-27	40	10-11-27	10-13-27	24 / 16
Ostomy (single scope)	11-15-27	11-15-27	11-19-27	40	11-15-27	11-17-27	24 / 26
Wound & Ostomy (dual scope)	11-15-27	11-15-27	11-26-27	80	11-15-27	11-22-27	48 / 32
Wound or Ostomy **with** Continence (dual scope)	1-3-28 or 1-24-28	1-3-28 **OR** 1-24-28	1-14-28 **OR** 2-4-28	80	1-3-28 **OR** 1-24-28	1-10-28 **OR** 1-31-28	48 / 32
WOC (full scope) – Group 1	1-3-28	1-3-28	1-21-28	120	1-3-28	1-13-28	72 / 48
WOC (full scope) – Group 2	1-24-28	1-24-28	2-11-28	120	1-24-28	2-3-28	72 / 48

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Step 2: Admission Requirements & Process

Admission Requirements:

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for admission:

1. Active, unencumbered, licensure as Registered Nurse in the U.S. with a baccalaureate degree or higher.
2. Non-nursing baccalaureate degree holders must demonstrate competencies in health assessment, leadership and management, research and statistics, and community health nursing.
3. Completion of one year RN clinical experience following RN licensure.
4. Provide documentation of clinical nursing experience within the last 5 years: current, active practice, completion of a nurse refresher course or a clinical performance examination.
5. Ability to attend program's didactic classes and to complete a clinical rotation in the U.S. without a student VISA. Cleveland Clinic's WOC Nursing education program is unable to sponsor student VISAs for international students.

Admission Application & $200 Non-Refundable Admission Application Fee:

NOTE: If you elect a clinical placement at a Non-Cleveland Clinic location, please request a list of approved clinical sites and preceptors prior to submitting your admission application & $200 non-refundable admission application fee. **Some states do not have approved preceptors nor clinical sites**. Email your inquiry to WOCschool@ccf.org. Include the state of your clinical inquiry.

To start your admission process, complete and submit your online admission application e-form and required $200 non-refundable admission application fee at Admission Application.

As you finalize and submit your admission application, you will be routed to our program's secure financial payment system to remit your $200 non-refundable application fee via credit card. **Your $200 fee must be received with your admission application before it can be processed for enrollment in our program.**

Within three business days, our Rival (aka: RedCarpet-Silkroad) admission onboarding system will email your applicant user account information and admission onboarding instructions. **In the meantime, proceed below to Next Steps.**

Next Steps While Awaiting Access to Your Rival-RedCarpet Admission Onboarding Account:

- **Transcripts:** Order your official college e-transcripts and have it emailed directly from your college university's online transcript clearinghouse to our program at WOCschool@ccf.org. This is the necessary method of delivery, because we cannot accept paper transcripts mailed to a physical address.

  If your university does not utilize an online transcript e-clearinghouse, please call our office (216-317-7163 E.T.) before you place your e-transcript order with your university. We will provide you with an alternate submission method.

- **Health Appointment:** Schedule your health appointment to complete your required Physical Requirements & Health Form. Depending upon your secured clinical site, there may be additional health forms required by that hospital. We will email you such forms, if required. The following immunization and / or titer records are required and **administration of vaccine or titer must be evidenced within the last 10 years from your 1st scheduled day of class**. Lab records evidencing immunity may be required.

  - Current year's annual Negative TB test **within the past 12 months** (2-step Mantoux or QuantiFERON TB Gold test) or chest X-ray (if prior positive results).
  - Measles (Rubeola), German measles (Rubella), Mumps
  - Chicken pox (Varicella)
  - Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) booster.
  - Hepatitis B vaccine/titer (or signed waiver assuming the risk of exposure).
  - COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card evidencing proof that all required COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered.
  - Flu vaccine for current year (for clinical rotations scheduled during October 1 – March 31) or complete a religious or medical exemption form and obtain approval for such from Cleveland Clinic's OccHealth department.

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- **Resume / CV:** Ensure your resume or CV is up to date. You will be required to upload it to your Rival admission onboarding event. **Resumes and CVs are thoroughly reviewed to determine compliance with all admission requirements, especially your nursing clinical experience**.

- **Clinical Placements (only applies when electing a Non-Cleveland Clinic clinical rotation):** Before submitting your admission application, you should have emailed our business office to acquire a list of approved preceptors and clinical sites in your chosen state. Some states do not have approved preceptors nor clinical sites. Non-approved clinical sites are not permissible. In such situations, you may be required to complete your clinical rotation at Cleveland Clinic.

  You must secure a clinical placement with an approved clinical site and preceptor identified from our program's clinical database within your elected cohort's admission onboarding timeframe noted on the annual class schedule. **If needed, your clinical site's legal, student clinical affiliation agreement also may be required to be emailed to our program during your admission onboarding period.** Details of your secured preceptor and clinical site must be emailed to our program's business office within your admission onboarding timeframe. Some clinical sites require an official clinical placement packet from our program in order to provide a confirmed, official clinical placement acceptance.

- **RN license:** Your practicum course with a clinical rotation election requires you to hold an active, unencumbered, U.S. nursing license **in the state where your clinical will be completed** and proof of such licensure is required. **You will not be permitted to start your clinical rotation without the appropriate state nursing license**.

  If you hold a multi-state or compact license, verify the license allows you to practice in the state of your approved clinical location.

  If you are not licensed in the state of your approved clinical location, then review licensure options below. **Actively pursue acquiring the appropriate state RN licensure.** This process often takes between 8-16 weeks. Temporary issued licenses may not cover your clinical rotation period. Be sure you apply for and receive a full state license in the state of your approved clinical.

  - Option one - Apply for a nursing license in the state where you will be completing your approved clinical rotation.
  - Option two – Apply for a multistate / compact license if it includes the state where you will be completing your approved clinical.
  - Option three - Choose another approved clinical site in a state where you are licensed.

    An advanced practice nursing license is not required for WOC nursing clinicals.

  Your clinical rotation must be started in coordination with the start of your practicum course. Any delays in the start of your clinical rotation may result in your inability to complete this program within the required timeframe via the Traditional Pathway to WOCNCB credentialing. In this situation, you automatically could be switched to the Experiential Pathway to WOCNCB credentialing and not be able to complete your clinical component, practicum course and final exam(s).

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Step 3: Practicum Course and Clinical Options

Traditional Pathway Option to WOCNCB Credentialing

The elected wound, ostomy, and/or continence specialty didactic courses require completion of a corresponding practicum course with a clinical rotation and a final exam for each specialty. The clinical hours option and preferred clinical site location is selected on one's admission application. The clinical rotation may begin one week after successful completion of all elected didactic courses. The different clinical hours and location options available are outlined below.

1) **Full Hours Clinical Option - At Cleveland Clinic** – 40-hour clinical experience per specialty course at Cleveland Clinic's Ohio or Florida campuses.

   Clinical hours are scheduled Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., E.T. Typically, no clinical time is scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. Travel, housing, transportation, parking, meals, nursing uniform and other related clinical expenses are the student's responsibility.

   - Ohio (Cleveland) location, our program will assign your clinical dates. Our WOC clinical scheduling team will assign preceptors and prepare your clinical schedule. A clinical orientation packet with housing information will be provided 6-8 weeks prior to your 1st clinical date.

   - Florida (Weston or Stuart) location, our program will help coordinate preceptor assignments and clinical campus placement based upon preceptor availability and specialty courses elected. Student are responsible for working directly with their assigned Florida preceptor to arrange their clinical dates based upon the clinical timeframe provided by our program. **There is limited clinical placement at both Florida campuses, and this option may not always be an available option in any given cohort.**

   In either state, clinical placement is limited with placements secured on a first-come, first-served basis in chronological order of each admission application's submission date and $200 non-refundable application fee.

2) **Full Hours Clinical Option – Non-Cleveland Clinic Location** – 40-hour clinical experience per specialty to be completed at a non-Cleveland Clinic ***approved*** location. ***Some states do not have approved preceptors nor clinical sites***. Applicants must select approved preceptors and clinical sites from our program's legal clinical database. Non-approved clinical sites are not permissible. Before submitting an admission application, email WOCschool@ccf.org your request for a list of approved preceptors and clinical sites in identified state of your choice. If no approved preceptor / clinical site exists, then you will be required to complete your clinical rotation at a Cleveland Clinic campus in Ohio (preferably) or Florida (if available).

3) **Split Hours Clinical Option - either at Cleveland Clinic or another approved location** – Above options and information apply. A minimum of 24 clinical hours must be completed at an approved clinical location with the remaining 16 hours to be completed in virtual clinical coursework **per specialty**. Virtual, clinical coursework will be assigned and completed in the final practicum course. This option is ideal for those students who are unable to complete all required clinical hours at a clinical site.

Clinical Notes:

- **If you are completing a non-Cleveland Clinic clinical rotation, and our program requires renewal of a student clinical affiliation agreement with your clinical site**, then it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their clinical site's nursing education team emails WOCschool@ccf.org the clinical site's current student clinical affiliation agreement template. The agreement template must be provided to our program in an editable MS Word format and emailed to us before the elected cohort's admission deadline date.

- If an approved preceptor has either terminated employment at your secured clinical site, or not available to precept you, then you may work with the clinical site's nursing education team to source and secure an alternate WOCNCB credentialed nursing preceptor at that clinical location.

  The alternate preceptor must undergo our program's accreditation review and vetting approval process to be granted approval as your preceptor. **This approval must occur before your elected cohort's admission deadline.** Please cut, paste, and email our program's preceptor application packet below onto your prospective preceptor for their immediate completion.

  Complete Preceptor Application and email to WOCschool@ccf.org the following required credentialing documents.

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- Completed Clinical Stats Form
- Copy of **current** CV or resume
- Copy of current WOCNCB certificate or ID card
- Documented evidence of demonstrated completion for at least one of the following: 1) a preceptor workshop, or 2) other structured learning program which includes principles of adult learning, critical teaching strategies, and clinical evaluation methodology, or 3) evidence of prior preceptor or clinical nursing educator experience.

- Applicants must hold an active, unencumbered RN license in the state of approved clinical site.

Experiential Pathway Option WOCNCB Credentialing

No practicum course, no clinical requirement, no final exam(s) and no Certificate of Completion will be issued. Nursing C.E. contact hours are awarded for each successfully completed didactic course.

If desired, and **prior to admission**, the applicant should determine if they meet the WOCNCB's "experiential pathway" requirements to apply and sit for certification credentialing exam(s) upon successful completion of selected specialty didactic courses. Visit WOCNCB's website for more details before selecting this option. Direct any credentialing exam questions to the WOCNCB.

Step 4: Tuition & Other Fees

- $200 – Non-refundable admission application fee.

- Varies - Textbook fees are not included in tuition. Student may purchase required textbooks from WOCN, Amazon, Barnes & Nobles, etc. Textbook requirements may be reviewed at Textbook List .

- $3,200 – One specialty course (elect wound, ostomy, or continence) plus prerequisite Professional Practice Concepts in WOC Nursing course.

- $4,800 – Two specialty courses (combination of wound, ostomy and/or continence) plus prerequisite Professional Practice Concepts in WOC Nursing course.

- $6,400 – Three specialty courses (includes wound, ostomy, and continence) plus prerequisite Professional Practice Concepts in WOC Nursing course.

- $1,600 – One additional specialty course applies to returning students, who previously elected a single or a dual specialty in a prior cohort.

- $350 - Practicum course fee with clinical rotation applies regardless of number of specialty courses selected. Precepting fees, travel, transportation, parking, lodging, nursing uniform, and meals are NOT included in tuition nor practicum course fee and the student is solely responsible for these and all added expenditures.

- $400 - $800 - Practicum Course Extension Fee (if needed): Two, 4-week course extensions, at a cost of $400 each, may be requested to allow for additional time to complete the practicum course requirements and/or clinical requirement.

- $0 – Final exam(s) course

Tuition Payment Deadline: Full tuition payment must be received in our program's finance office before the elected cohort's Final Date to Complete ALL Admission Requirements identified on the annual academic class schedule. If tuition is not received by this date, then the applicant's admission application automatically will be withdrawn. The applicant will need to re-apply when admission registration re-opens for the next cohort or any subsequent cohort. The applicant will be required to repeat their admission onboarding criteria from start to finish and to pay another $200 non-refundable application fee.

Step5: Housing Options *(for elected clinical rotations at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio)*

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Housing: Each student is responsible for choosing and making their own housing arrangements along with all expenditures and liability for housing, travel, transportation, parking, meals, and nursing uniform. Cleveland Clinic is not liable for any circumstances nor expenses incurred.

For clinicals elected at Cleveland Clinic (Cleveland, Ohio), our WOC clinical scheduling team will email you 6-8 weeks prior to your first clinical date, your clinical orientation packet. Items in this packet include a housing guide, clinical orientation guide, campus walking guide, nursing uniform policy, and your clinical schedule. The housing guide identifies possible options for consideration on Cleveland Clinic's main campus and within a one to two block walk to your daily preceptor / clinical assignment. Housing selection is at the sole discretion of the student.

Step 6: Textbooks & Technology

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS: Required textbooks for the program are not included in the tuition fee and should be purchased prior to class. The books are available through the www.wocn.org bookstore, through www.nursingcenter.com, or www.Amazon.com and include the following books:

Wound Course:
McNichol, L. L., Ratliff, C. R., & Yates, S. S. (Eds.). (2022). *Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society core curriculum: Wound management* (2nd ed.). Wolters Kluwer.

Ostomy Course:
Carmel, J., Colwell, J., & Goldberg, M. T. (Eds.). (2022). *Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society core curriculum: Ostomy management* (2nd ed.). Wolters Kluwer.

Continence Course:
Ermer-Seltun, J. M., & Engberg, S. (Eds.). (2022). *Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society core curriculum: Continence management* (2nd ed.). Wolters Kluwer.

RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL RESOURCE BOOKS:

Baranoski, S., & Ayello, E. A. (Eds.). (2020). *Wound care essentials: Practice principles.* (5th ed.). Wolters Kluwer.

Bryant, R. A., & Nix, D. P. (Eds.). (2024). *Acute & chronic wounds: Intraprofessionals from novice to expert* (6th ed.) Elsevier.

LIBRARY RESOURCES: Medical Library: While you are attending classes, you will have access to a limited WOC Nursing library as well as Cleveland Clinic's online Floyd D. Loop alumni medical library.

COMPUTER & SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS FOR ONLINE LMS CLASSROOM: All courses are administered through an online learning management system (LMS). This system is web based with electronic limitations applied by both the LMS and this program.

Electronic Devices: Either a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet is required for all classes. Students will be required to access the classroom, educational materials, and Cleveland Clinic's Floyd D. Loop alumni medical library. An employer issued device may have security provisions which prohibit or limit access. A personal device should be utilized and loaded with required software identified below prior to the first day of class.

- Google Chrome or Firefox internet browser
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Webcam for proctored exams. A webcam can be the student's own, or one accessed at a local public library.

- Lockdown browser – Students are required to download a program identified lockdown browser for use on all final course quizzes and program final exams. The lockdown browser is an internal component of the Edvance360 online

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learning management system. Instructions for downloading will be provided in each course prior to testing.