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Digestive Disease Institute

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WOC Nursing Education Program
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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.