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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.