

Professional Practice Concepts in WOC Nursing

This is a four week instructor facilitated online course focusing on professional practice concerns in establishing and maintaining a WOC specialty nurse practice in multiple care settings. Course is delivered through a learning management system. Content includes legal and ethical considerations, basic elements of business planning, use of effective communication skills, and elements used to address an ever changing regulatory environment affecting WOC nursing care. This course is the prerequisite to wound, ostomy, and continence specialty courses and part of a WOCN® Accredited Program for the role of WOC Nursing Specialist. Graduates of this program are eligible for the www.WOCNCB.org certification exams.

Course Outcome:

Design the elements of a successful specialty nurse practice through business planning, exploring legal and regulatory aspects of care, incorporating team work and effective communication skills, and continued professional development strategies.

Course Objectives:

1. Develop presentations through use of power point files and current literature.
2. Discuss the elements of effective group dynamics and conflict management.
3. Review the history of WOC Nursing and how the specialty has impact on current healthcare regulation
4. Apply APA formatting criteria to academic writing.
5. Review focused assessment parameters in the management of a person with a BMI higher than normal range.
6. Explain current regulatory issues and legal considerations that impact WOC Nursing practice.
7. Describe diagnostic and procedural codes applicable to WOC nursing care
8. Apply current research to evidence-based WOC nursing care.
9. Differentiate between capital budget expenses & standard operating expenses that can affect a WOC nursing practice.
10. Critique current literature for application to WOC nursing practice.
11. Explain how the WOC nursing specialty role incorporates leadership strategies in policy development, product selection, and healthcare team interactions.
12. Demonstrate literacy in digital communications and use of resources.
13. Review the pathophysiology associated with diabetes and the implications for wound, ostomy and continence care.
14. Describe conflict of interest and how this applies to WOC nursing practice.
15. Define critical thinking as a professional nursing skill.
16. Describe the benefits of a WOC nurse to an organization.

Successful completion includes achieving at least 80% of course points as outlined in the course syllabus, and completion and submission of course evaluation.

Disclosures: Course facilitators have no disclosures to report.

Admission requirements include current RN licensure, one year current RN experience, & baccalaureate degree

Enrollment requirements and online application available at www.clevelandclinic.org/WOCschool

Cost \$1575.00 and 60 contact hours will be awarded on successful completion

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