

WOUND, OSTOMY AND CONTINENCE NURSING, CERTIFICATES

Program Description

The Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Education Program prepares nurses to provide acute and rehabilitative care for people with disorders of the gastrointestinal, genitourinary, and integumentary systems. Wound, Ostomy, and Continence nurses provide direct and consultative care for persons with abdominal stomas, wounds, fistulas, pressure injuries, and continence issues. La Salle University SONHS, Post-BSN WOCNEP has received a full 7-year accreditation through December 31, 2028 by the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society™ (WOCN®). La Salle University WOCNEP fully accredited, graduate-level, online certificate program provides students the option to pursue one, two or all three specialties. If pursuing further advanced nursing education, the WOCNEP graduate level courses meet one MSN core course and an elective requirement. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates of La Salle University Post-BSN Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certificate Program are eligible to become Board Certified by taking the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB® examination(s) (<https://www.wocncb.org/certification/wound-ostomy-continence/>).

Mission

Consistent with Lasallian values, and the Mission of the Nursing Program, the mission of the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Education Program is to provide scientifically based nursing curricula to educate clinically competent, caring, nurse professionals who are specialists in caring for patients with wound, ostomy and continence needs with a commitment to excellence in practice, service, life-long learning, and scholarship.

Program Goals

- To prepare students to become specialists in providing care for patients/clients with wound, ostomy and continence needs.
- To facilitate students' professional development by preparing them for certification in wound, ostomy and continence nursing
- To foster interprofessional, collaborative practice in the caring for patients with wound, ostomy and continence needs.

Admission Criteria

- Evidence of successful academic achievement in completing a baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLNAC- or CCNE-accredited program or R.N.s with a non-nursing baccalaureate degree.
- Grade point average of 3.0 in baccalaureate nursing program
- Current unencumbered RN licensure
- One year clinical experience following RN licensure. Current clinical experience within 5 years prior to application to program (current, active practice, completion of a nurse refresher course, or a clinical performance examination)
- Resume
- Provide two professional reference contact information from professors or supervisors.

- A statement of interest in the Post-BSN Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certificate Program

Degree or Certificate Earned

Certificate

Required for Program Completion

- Courses
 - 3 to 7
- Credits
 - 5 to 13
- GPA
 - 3.0

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Integrate advanced theoretical, research-based, scientific, and clinical knowledge into clinical practice to provide wound, ostomy and continence nursing care to diverse clients.
2. Practice independently and collaboratively with an interprofessional team while delivering direct and indirect wound, ostomy and continence care services in various types of health care systems..
3. Use ethical decision-making to promote the well-being of individuals, families, health care professionals in local, national, and international communities.
4. Utilize evidence-based practice recommendations, research findings and professional standards of wound, ostomy and continence care to promote health, prevent disease and improve the health status of individuals, families, groups, communities, and populations.
5. Demonstrate safe, effective assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation wound, ostomy and continence skills in caring for individuals and groups regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, culture, health care beliefs, and religion, while working in interprofessional collaborative relationships.
6. Demonstrate responsibility and accountability for ongoing professional development.

Course Sequence

| Code | Title | Credits |
|----------------------|--|-----------|
| NUR 720 | Role of the WOC Nurse (Fall 1 -7 weeks) ¹ | 1 |
| NUR 721 | Wound and Skin Care Specialty (Fall 2 -7 weeks) | 3 |
| NUR 723 | Ostomy Care Specialty Course (Spring 1 -7 weeks) | 3 |
| NUR 725 | Urinary & Fecal Continence (Spring 2- 7 weeks) | 3 |
| NUR 722 | Wound and Skin Care Specialty Practicum (50 hrs.) ² | 1 |
| NUR 724 | Ostomy Care Practicum (50 hrs.) ² | 1 |
| NUR 726 | Urinary/Fecal Continence Pract (50 hrs.) | 1 |
| Total Credits | | 13 |

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Required for all specialties.

Course Descriptions

WOCN Certificate

All course descriptions may be found in the main menu under Graduate > Courses: A-Z (<https://catalog.lasalle.edu/graduate/courses-az/>).

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