

Nurses who work in the field of Wound and Ostomy are called upon to do much more than address the hole in the patient. We are educators, advocates, and case managers. These three attributes along with the acute clinical needs of the patient and their families, are what have attracted me to pursue my WOCN certification.

As a visiting nurse, and now a nurse at an outpatient wound care center, all of these skills come into play on a daily basis with each patient and family we treat.

As a nurse visiting nurse, I was instrumental in developing an advanced wound care formulary and streamlining the ordering process. Currently, I work at the Center for Wound and Burn Healing at Saint Barnabas Medical Center. I work with patients and their families and strive to make their visit to the wound care center as comprehensive as possible by providing meaningful education, making appropriate referrals and using my clinical skills to ensure that their treatment is appropriate.

Becoming a certified WOCN will grant me entry into a specialty that is well respected. I would be honored to join the ranks.