

***WOCN ACCREDITED
WOUND CARE
SPECIALTY COURSE***

PRESENTED BY



Wound Care Education Program

TRADITIONAL ONSITE, 3 -WEEK COURSE DATES

2009

October 3-24, 2009

2010

February 20-March 13, 2010

August 14-Sept. 4, 2010

October 2-23, 2010

SPLIT OPTION, WEB-ENHANCED DISTANCE LEARNING OPTION

2010

April 17-August 6, 2010

*Requires 1st week onsite in Charleston, April 17-24, 2010

ACCREDITATION

The Wound Care Specialty Course is accredited by the Wound, Ostomy Continence Nurses Society (WOCN).

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Scholarships are available to nurses accepted into a WOCN Society Accredited Nursing Education Program. Scholarship information and applications are available on the WOCN Society's website under the Education Link: <http://www.wocn.org>.

NURSING CONTACT HOURS

Contact Hours are provided upon successful completion of course requirements. Contact the wound Program to obtain information about number of hours provided. **The Medical University of South Carolina is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.**

ABOUT THE COURSE

The Wound Care Specialty Course is an intensive continuing nursing education course based on principles of evidence-based care to prepare registered nurses for the practice of wound management. The graduate of the course is prepared to provide acute and rehabilitative care for persons with select disorders of the integumentary system such as acute/chronic wounds, pressure necrosis, vascular ulcers, neuropathic/diabetic ulcers, fistulae, percutaneous drains, or tubes.

Graduation from the course is based upon satisfactory completion of two written examinations, a teaching project, written role implementation plan, critique of a research study for evidence-based practice, and satisfactory performance in the clinical area. The nurse completing the specialty course is prepared to use education, consultation, principles from research, and management/leadership skills appropriate to the role. **Graduates of the course are eligible to take the Wound Care Nursing Certification Examination offered by the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board (www.wocncb.org).**

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

Registered Nurse with a proof of a current SC license or license from another compact state with privileges to practice in SC is required for participants in the onsite course. RNs who attend the distance course must have a current license in the state in which they practice and be licensed in the state in which they plan to take their clinical experiences.

- A minimum of one year's clinical nursing experience following RN licensure
- Current clinical nursing experience within 5 years prior to application to the specialty course
- Documentation of currency of clinical nursing experience is through active practice, completion of a nurse refresher course, or a clinical performance examination

Plus the Following Educational Criteria:

- Baccalaureate degree or higher

OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Drug Screen and Criminal Background Check

To meet clinical placement criteria, nurses are required to provide evidence of a Drug Screen and Criminal Background Check (within 3 months of application to the course) at the expense of the participant. Directions are provided in the application packet for participants to obtain these tests. If the drug screen or background check reveals an adverse event that prohibits clinical placement, participants will not be eligible for admission to the program.

Qualifications for Admission

Qualified participants are admitted without discrimination in regard to age, creed, ethnic origin, marital status, sex or sexual preference and must be physically/emotionally and mentally capable of performing the duties of the wound care nurse.

Acceptance

Participants who meet all criteria and have satisfactorily completed the application process are accepted on a space available basis and are notified in writing of acceptance. **Early application is encouraged. Class size is limited.**

FACULTY

Phyllis Bonham, PhD, MSN, RN, CWOCN, DPNAP
Associate Professor
Director, Wound Care Education Program

Guest lecturers and clinical preceptors from the community participate in class and clinical instruction.

COURSE OPTIONS

OPTION I: ONSITE, THREE-WEEK COURSE

The onsite course is an intensive program comprised of at least 60 hours of classroom instruction and 40 hours of clinical instruction. Clinical instruction is provided by Certified Wound, Ostomy Continence Nurses, Certified Wound Care Nurses, and Certified Wound Ostomy Nurses who serve as clinical preceptors in hospitals, home health, long-term care, or outpatient/clinic settings. Clinical experiences are included during the 3-week, onsite program.

Classes include weekend hours. Course hours and dates may be adjusted to meet needs of the program at the discretion of the Program Director.

OPTION II: SPLIT OPTION, WEB-ENHANCED, DISTANCE LEARNING WOUND CARE SPECIALTY COURSE

Description

This option (offered one time per year in the Spring) is designed to be completed in 4 months (inclusive of the initial, 1st week onsite requirement) and includes the following:

- At least 40 classroom hours of wound theory conducted during an initial one week session, onsite in Charleston, SC
- At least 20 hours of role/professional practice lessons conducted via web-enhanced, on-line learning experiences
- At least 40 hours of clinical experiences, after completion of course didactic, with fully qualified CWOCN, CWCN, and CWON preceptors who meet WOCN's accreditation criteria and the requirements of the Wound Care Education Program at MUSC.
- **Distance course participants have the option of arranging off-site clinical experiences in their local communities or returning to Charleston, after completion of the didactic, for their clinical experiences.**
- Off-site Clinical Preceptor (s) must be approved in advance and each Preceptor and their employing facility must enter into a signed, clinical affiliation agreement with MUSC.

On-Line Class Participation/Communication

- Communication and contact with participants throughout the course is maintained using Email, Bulletin Board discussions, Chat Room conferences, or telephone conferences as assigned by the Program Director
- The course examinations are administered on-line under the supervision of a pre-arranged proctor (approved by the MUSC program)

Admission Requirement: Split-option, Web-enhanced, Distance Learning Course

Candidates must meet all program admission requirements and in addition must provide evidence of the following by completing forms provided in the application packet:

- Home computer with Email and required software for on-line participation
- For off-site clinical preceptor: Completed affiliation request and preceptor information to arrange off-site qualified preceptor (s) for 40 hours clinical experiences in 2 settings
- Arrangement with proctor to supervise on-line examinations
- Completion of Self-Assessment for Distance Learning

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the completion of the course, the participant will be able to:

1. Utilize principles of current wound management theory in providing care to patients with acute and chronic wounds.
2. Distinguish between factors that enhance or impede the wound healing process.
3. Incorporate knowledge of anatomy and patho-physiology into wound management practice.
4. Demonstrate skill in delivery of acute/chronic wound care.
5. Develop skin care programs to prevent skin breakdown.
6. Design protocols to manage patients with draining wounds, fistulae, tubes, or drains
7. Integrate relevant knowledge from other disciplines for the provision of comprehensive wound care.
8. Integrate principles of human development and adult learning in patient, family, and staff education.
9. Provide wound management consultation to medical and nursing staff.
10. Develop strategies for implementation of the wound care nurse role.
11. Integrate research findings into clinical practice.
12. Identify responsibilities for professional leadership, professional development, and community involvement.
13. Assess the impact of national healthcare policy, legal and ethical issues on wound care nursing practice.
14. Collaborate with other members of the health care team to implement a continuum of care for the wound care patient.

AREAS OF INSTRUCTION

- * Normal structure and function of skin
- * Factors contributing to skin breakdown
- * Physiology of wound healing
- * Factors which inhibit/enhance wound healing
- * Wound assessment: measuring, staging, etc.
- * Prevention of skin breakdown and risk assessment
- * Selection and utilization of support surfaces for pressure redistribution
- * Nursing management/intervention: appropriate selection and utilization of topical therapy
- * Debridement: autolytic, enzymatic, mechanical, surgical, biological, and conservative instrumental sharp wound debridement
- * Differential assessment and management of venous, arterial, and neuropathic/diabetic ulcers
- * Selection and application of compression therapy
- * Non-invasive assessment of lower extremity perfusion using ankle brachial index (ABI)
- * Basic foot/nail assessment and care
- * Other modalities of treatment: surgical intervention, hyperbaric oxygen, growth factors, electrical stimulation, hydrotherapy, negative pressure, skin equivalents, etc.
- * Care of draining wounds/fistulae
- * Drain/tube care and management
- * Nutritional/hydration factors
- * Infection control principles
- * Management of patients with special wound care needs: burns, oncology, pyoderma, gangrenosum, calciphylaxis, necrotizing fasciitis, etc.
- * Patient and family education/counseling
- * Human development and teaching/learning principles
- * Role implementation strategies
- * National health care issues
- * Legal/ethical aspects, standards, and quality care issues
- * Reimbursement, setting up a practice
- * Budgeting: record keeping
- * Professional responsibilities
- * Coordination of services and multidisciplinary approach to care
- * Continuity of care
- * Change, communication, and conflict management

WOCN ACCREDITED SPECIALTY COURSE TUITION

***TUITION: \$4300.00 (includes Debridement Workshop)**

***Course fees are subject to change. Applicants should check with the Program Director if they have questions about the fees or payment process.**

HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

Participants are responsible for arranging their own housing and transportation. A housing list is available with the application. Parking is available on campus at MUSC for the course. Participants must notify the Program's Office if parking is needed at least one week prior to the course. An automobile is necessary for onsite course participation. Travel is required for clinical experiences in Charleston and the surrounding communities and is the sole responsibility of the participant.

CANCELLATION POLICY

We reserve the right to cancel the program if necessary (e.g., insufficient registrations). Tuition will be refunded for programs cancelled by MUSC (minus the non-refundable application fee). The University cannot be responsible for reimbursement of airline or other transportation fares, hotel or rental car charges, including penalties in the event a course is cancelled.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS OFFERED

DEBRIDEMENT WORKSHOPS

Saturdays: 8:00 A.M. – 1: 00 P.M

2009

October 10, 2009

2010

February 27, 2010

April 24, 2010

August 21, 2010

October 16, 2010

Tuition/Fee for Debridement Workshop: \$200.00

Call 843-792-2651 for information about the Debridement Workshops or to request a registration form or Email: bonhamp@musc.edu. Note: The Debridement Workshop is included in the registration for participants in the Wound Care Specialty Course.



QUESTIONS?

For more information or an application contact:

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Charleston, SC 29425
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Fax: 843-792-3680
Email: whelanc@musc.edu or bonhamp@musc.edu
or visit the website to download information and an application
<http://www.musc.edu/nursing/continue/wound/wesc.htm>

**WOCN ACCREDITED WOUND CARE SPECIALTY COURSE
APPLICATION REQUEST**

Name: _____

Credentials: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

Fax #: _____

Comments: _____

Mail This Form To
Attention: Carol Whelan
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College of Nursing, Wound Care Education Program
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