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Become a wound, ostomy and continence champion and nurse leader.

Advance your knowledge by becoming a SWAN™.

Career Potential

Develop Competence and Gain Advanced Knowledge in Wound, Ostomy & Continence Management. Graduate with evidence-informed, advanced knowledge in the tri-specialty areas of wound, ostomy, and continence.

Gain Confidence. Confidently transfer knowledge into practice and become a respected member of the wound, ostomy, and continence leadership team in your organization.

Earn Respect and Recognition. Proudly display your competency as a wound, ostomy and continence nurse champion with nationally recognized SWAN™ designation.

Access Career-Long Learning, Mentorship, & Peer Collaboration by becoming a part of the SWAN Community of Practice.

Contribute to an Interprofessional Team. Receive and share expertise and professional support in a SWAN-Nurse Specialized in Wound, Ostomy and Continence (NSWOC) Team.



The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Institute is wholly owned and operated by Nurses Specialized in Wound, Ostomy and Continence Canada (NSWOC).



For practical nurses and diploma RNs

who aspire to become respected nurse leaders and integral members of their organization's wound, ostomy, and continence leadership team, the CNA-accredited SWAN™ Program is the only program in Canada that offers: competency and evidence-informed advanced knowledge in wound, ostomy and continence management; confidence to transfer that knowledge into practice; recognition and respect for your competencies through the nationally recognized SWAN™ designation; and continuous learning and lifelong support through mentorship and collaboration in a SWAN™-Nurse Specialized in Wound, Ostomy and Continence (NSWOC) team.



SWAN™s are uniquely recognized for their advanced knowledge and their contributions as wound, ostomy and continence nurse champions in their workplaces and communities across Canada.

Program Description

The SWAN™ Program is a highly interactive online program designed for LPNs/RPNs and Diploma RNs to develop their leadership skills and enhance their knowledge in wound, ostomy, and continence care.

The SWAN™ Program is the only Canadian Association of Nursing (CNA) accredited Canadian program that provides a competency-based educational program in wound, ostomy, and continence care for practical nurses.

Program Outline

This 5-month SWAN™ program is competency-based, standards-driven, and self-paced. It comprises three modules - Ostomy, Continence, and Wound - each offering 60 hours of education, along with clinical exposure.

Overall, the program provides over 210 hours of WOC education, with self-directed clinical preceptorships serving as a cornerstone of its success.

These preceptorships provide learners with the opportunity to apply their newly acquired skills and knowledge under mentorship in a real-time setting.

Testimonials



It is nice to walk into a situation and know the tools that I have and what I am going to do.

I deal with wound, ostomy and continence a lot in my work. I have been able to use my knowledge almost immediately. I can see, assess, and make recommendations almost immediately based on the knowledge I have gained in the course.

Jared Trombetta, SWAN Student

Many organizations have forced nurses into a position where they are task-oriented. The SWAN's vision is that we want students to be thinking about the "why" and "how". To get people to switch their thinking and actively think about what your rationale is for making a nursing-related decision.

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