

Pearson VUE enhances wound care for US patients through delivery of key certifications for the American Board of Wound Management (ABWM)

BLOOMINGTON, MN, February 15, 2021 – Pearson VUE, the global leader in computer-based testing, announced today that it has signed a multi-year agreement with the American Board of Wound Management (ABWM), a voluntary, not-for-profit organization established for the purpose of credentialing multi-disciplinary professionals in the field of wound management.

ABWM offers three certifications that are nationally accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). The certifications Pearson VUE will be delivering include the Certified Wound Care Associate (CWCA®), Certified Wound Specialist® (CWS®), and Certified Wound Specialist Physician® (CWSP®). Candidates can sit for their exams beginning March 1.

In the healthcare sector, these credentials demonstrate advanced knowledge in the field of wound care and enable providers to deliver enhanced care for their patients and better collaborate with colleagues in an interdisciplinary setting. Exam candidates will be able to test at both Pearson Professional Centers across the US, and at a network of international partner sites across the globe. Candidates taking their wound certification exam in the US will receive their test results immediately after their exam.

Providing test-takers with the flexibility of pursuing a certification across a broader coverage of test centers is integral to ABWM's new exam delivery model. Streamlining the candidate's certification experience and making testing options more accessible were key to Pearson VUE's selection as well as its capabilities in content development for high-stakes healthcare exams.

"Candidates have to demonstrate distinct and specialized knowledge in wound management in order to successfully pass our exams, thereby promoting the quality of care for people with wounds," explained Christopher Murphy, Executive Director, American Board of Wound Management. "Our NCCA accredited exams have to meet the highest standards in certification, so it's essential we work with a reliable and knowledgeable partner. Pearson VUE has an impressive track record in the healthcare sector and an extensive test center network to best-serve the various needs of our candidates."

The latest agreement with ABWM will expand Pearson VUE's experience in the healthcare credentialing space, further growing its expertise in launching and delivering exam programs which cover a wide range of different medical disciplines.

Eric D'Astolfo, Vice President, Business Development, Pearson VUE said: "Certifications uphold the standards of safe practice in the healthcare sector, proving that professionals such as wound care specialists, have the knowledge and ability to provide safe and effective

treatment to patients. We are honored to be delivering these important certification exams and supporting improvements to patient care in the US.”

About Pearson VUE

Pearson VUE has been a pioneer in the computer-based testing industry for decades, delivering more than 16 million certification and licensure exams annually in every industry from academia and admissions to IT and healthcare. We are the global leader in developing and delivering high-stakes exams via the world's most comprehensive network of nearly 20,000 highly secure test centers as well as online testing in over 180 countries. Our leadership in the assessment industry is a result of our collaborative partnerships with a broad range of clients, from leading technology firms to government and regulatory agencies. For more information, please visit [PearsonVUE.com](https://www.pearsonvue.com).

About the American Board of Wound Management (ABWM)

ABWM established the original multidisciplinary wound certification in 1995. Today, we offer three certifications – the Certified Wound Care Associate® (CWCA®), the Certified Wound Specialist® (CWS®) and the Certified Wound Specialist Physician® (CWSP®). ABWM utilizes an interdisciplinary team approach to its exam development and ensures that all exams go through a three-round psychometric review process. The ABWM board of directors includes a public member specifically to ensure the best interests of the general public. ABWM's certification programs are accredited by the NCCA, which means that they have met the national credentialing industry's standard of excellence for certification development, implementation, and maintenance.

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