

It's Time For Evidence-based Wound Care Education For All: Excellence In Skin Health And Wound Management Education

Welcome To The Wounds Canada Institute

Health-care providers across all specialties and levels of education need to remain up-to-date on the latest best practices, research and tools in the field to ensure optimum patient care and recovery.

The **Wounds Canada Institute** provides an ideal space for these essential professionals to obtain flexible, interprofessional education to meet their continuous educational goals and help advance their careers. The Institute delivers learning opportunities for the full spectrum of health-care providers, both regulated and unregulated, including: hands-on skills labs, synchronous webinars and online courses. The programs are specifically tailored to the industry health-care providers' practice in they accommodate learners who

prefer to learn at their own speed. Following are the programs currently offered at the Institute.

Skin Health Program For Personal Care Providers

The *Skin Health Program for Personal Care Providers* is a groundbreaking initiative in skin health education from Wounds Canada and the **Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO)** that was first introduced in 2023, based on a previous partnership between the two organizations. The focus of this new program is supporting unregulated health-care professionals to tackle skin health and wound prevention. Wounds Canada aims to train a sizable number of these crucial frontline workers in 2024. As a bonus, the Ontario Ministry of Health provided support and funding to ensure that 200 personal care providers who work in

Ontario in the home and community care sector were eligible for free registration in this program this year.

Wound Care For Community-Based Paramedics Program

The *Wound Care for Community-Based Paramedics Program* aims to give participants the fundamental abilities and information needed to succeed in wound management in community settings, especially wound assessment, infection diagnosis and treatment strategies. The program consists of a well-rounded online and in-person curriculum that strongly emphasizes the learners' capacity to assess wounds in diverse patient demographics, and successfully communicate their assessment to the necessary health-care team members.

The next opportunity to take part in the *Wound Care for Community-Based Paramedics Program* will be on October 17th, 2024 at the RBC Place in London, ON. The program is offered through the Wounds Canada Institute parallel to the first day of the 2024 Wounds Canada National Hybrid Conference.

To learn more and to register for this program please [click here](#).

Skin Health Advocate And Resource Professional (SHARP) Program

Based on the most current available research and guidelines found in *Wounds Canada's Foundations of Best Practice for Skin and Wound Management* documents, [this self-paced yet extensive program](#) aims to improve health-care clinicians' competencies in wound prevention and care by fine-tuning and strengthening their fundamental knowledge and critical thinking abilities and responses. The program empowers practitioners to be better equipped to support and care for those with common yet difficult-to-heal wounds or who are at risk of developing such conditions.

Individual Programs For Regulated Health-Care Providers

Explore the complexities of wound management with *Wounds Canada's Individual Programs*. With

a mix of virtual and hybrid offerings, the evidence-based courses are designed for the learner to take away best practices, innovative strategies and interdisciplinary collaboration, without the extended commitment to the Super Program (SHARP).

Some of the individual programs include in-person Skills Labs, which provide hands-on training and practice for specific skills or procedures. These labs offer a structured setting where participants can learn and refine technical skills under the guidance of the instructors. They often feature simulation equipment, or models which replicate real-life scenarios, allowing learners to practice in a safe learning environment.

Wound Care Champion Program (WCCP)

The purpose of the [Wound Care Champion Program \(WCCP\)](#) both in Ontario and Nova Scotia is to equip regulated health-care providers and front-line medical professionals with the information and skills they need to recognize patients who are at risk for wounds and to deliver the proper preventative and therapeutic care in a manner that is methodical, interdisciplinary and person-centered allowing for the best treatment possible.

The WCCP is delivered in partnership with the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) and funding for the development of the program was provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health. Wound Care Champion Program: Ontario With 200 practitioners actively participating in online modules, the *Wound Care Champion Program: Ontario* made great strides in 2023 and continues to do so with plans to conduct skill labs across the province in the following areas: Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Kingston, Cambridge, Toronto and Markham. In the past, similar initiatives have been undertaken across Ontario, including in Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Kingston, Cambridge, Toronto and Markham.

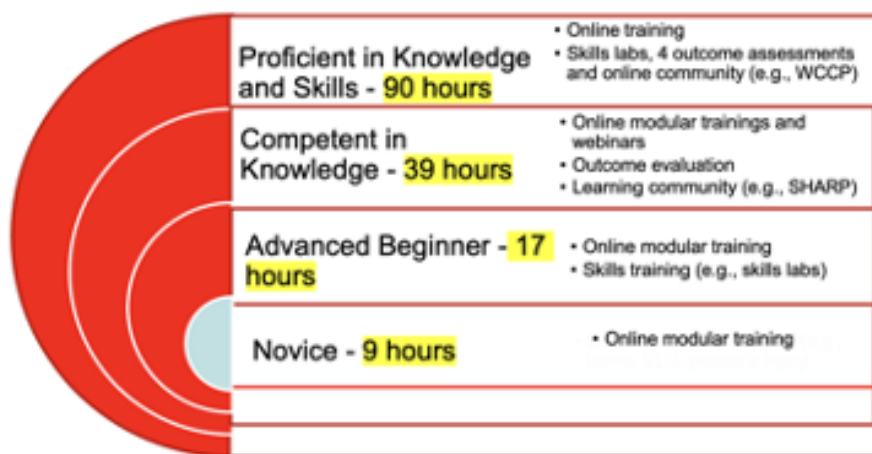
Last year, the program received accreditation from the [Canadian Nursing Association](#) and recognition from the [University of Toronto](#), lead-

ing to an advanced certificate of completion. Currently, there is a submission for accreditation from Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia.

Wound Care Champion Program: Nova Scotia

The Wound Care Champion Program’s success is currently spreading across Nova Scotia, where there are now one hundred long-term care practitioners in the province enrolled. Their enthusiastic involvement is a positive and encouraging milestone for our project.

Competency Development For Novice - Proficient Regulated Health Professionals



Wounds Canada sincerely thanks Health Association Nova Scotia for organizing the roll-out of the WCCP in Nova Scotia with support and funding from the Government of Nova Scotia’s Department of Health and Wellness and Department of Seniors and Long-term Care. Wounds Canada would like to especially thank the Truro Campus at Nova Scotia Community College - NSCC for their hospitality.

For more information about the Wounds Canada Institute please visit: <https://www.woundscanada.ca/wci-home>

About The Wounds Canada Institute

The Wounds Canada Institute stands as a beacon of excellence, deeply rooted in Wounds Canada’s

decades-long tradition of providing top-tier educational programs for health-care professionals in skin health and wound management. Our commitment to quality education is reflected in our rigorous standards, which ensure that our competency-based programming remains current and relevant across all professions, sectors and wound types, continually advancing levels of wound care competence.

At the Wounds Canada Institute, we pride ourselves on our expert interprofessional faculty. These leaders in the field not only deliver but also meticulously evaluate evidence-informed education and clinical interventions. This ensures that our programs are both impactful and practical, equipping health-care professionals with the knowledge and skills they need to excel.

We offer flexible, interprofessional education tailored to meet the diverse learning needs and professional growth aspirations of health-care professionals at all levels, from novice to proficient. Our comprehensive educational offerings are designed to be inclusive of all health-care disciplines, applicable across all sectors and relevant to all wound types.

Our curriculum is evidence-informed and competency-based, ensuring that every educational experience is rooted in the latest research and best practices. We adopt a team-based approach to learning, recognizing the importance of collaborative practice in effective wound care. Additionally, our programs are reflective of the social determinants of health and focused on improving population health outcomes.

Certified and accredited, Wound Canada Institute’s educational programs are recognized for their quality and effectiveness, providing health-care professionals with the credentials they need to advance their careers and improve patient care outcomes. Join us at Wound Canada Institute and elevate your expertise in wound management through our unparalleled educational offerings.