

# WEB WOC® Preceptor Guide

**Greetings from WEB WOC® Leadership Team!** We would like to personally ‘Thank You’ for sharing your time and expertise in advancing the professional development of WEB WOC learners in WOC nursing specialty. Your role is KEY to promoting a safe culture for future patients challenged with skin, wound, ostomy, or continence care issues.

WEB WOC understands that it takes extra time, patience, sacrifice, and expertise to share your passion with a learner. You are an unsung HERO and WEB WOC® Programs acknowledges this accolade! Thank You!

**PURPOSE:** This guide outlines the preceptor’s role, responsibilities of the preceptor in guiding, evaluating and signing off on learner’s competencies and practicum experience.

## Preceptor Role, Responsibilities & Tips

- Welcome and orient the learner to your clinical setting: Introduction to key staff/nurse manager/healthcare providers, tour of facility, location of restrooms, personal space, emergency exits and codes etc.
- Introduce as a nurse specializing in wound, ostomy, or continence care. Avoid using the word ‘student’ because this nurse is a licensed professional. This approach will enhance patient care opportunities.
- Begin each day with an overview of patient care activities, meetings, breaks/lunch, and expectations realizing this may change and evolve.
- Monitor, assist as needed and provide constructive feedback with assessment, technical skills, patient education, and documentation,
- Assistance with critical thinking; having the student identify alternative interventions (What are other options that would be appropriate?).
- Assessment of the student's level of independence and ability to meet clinical objectives and competencies. See attached Clinical Competencies for each scope of practice.
- Encourage the learner to ask questions outside of the patient's room, both before and after the clinical experience. Provide time at the end of day to debrief regarding patient care activities, what they did well, and any areas of improvement needed.
- Encourage "Active" participation. The WOC nurse learner needs ‘hands on’ experience! We discourage observational experiences, except for diagnostic studies, urodynamic procedures or surgery!
- Please feel free to contact WEB WOC anytime should you have any questions or concerns regarding precepting or the learner's theory base, clinical recommendations, their skill level or professionalism at [practicum@webwocnurse.com](mailto:practicum@webwocnurse.com)

*Success of the WEB WOC learner, program and providing a culture of safety for future WOC patients is enhanced by YOU, an unsung HERO!*

Thank you again and best regards in providing this clinical practicum for the WEB WOC learner!

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