**WOCN Society Ostomy Care Associate Program**  
**Clinical Skills Instructor: Criteria and Responsibilities**

**Criteria:**

- Current/active member of the WOCN Society.
- Currently certified in ostomy care by the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB) as a CWOCN®, CWON®, COCN®, CWOCN-AP® or COCN-AP®.
- Minimum of 1 year of clinical experience in ostomy care post certification by the WOCNCB.
- Clinical experience and expertise in the following areas:
  - Assessment and management of patients with fecal and urinary diversions (e.g., stoma site marking; differential evaluation of stomal and peristomal skin complications; assessment, measuring, and fitting of ostomy pouching systems).
  - Fistula management (e.g., assessment, skin care, and drainage containment systems [pouching, closed suction]).
  - Percutaneous tube management (e.g., assessment, skin care, stabilization).
- Past experience in preceptor/clinical instructor role (e.g., preceptorship/mentorship for WOC specialty nurse students or undergraduate nursing students; orientation of new staff nurses).

**Responsibilities:**

Under the direction of an approved Ostomy Care Associate Program Course Coordinator, the Clinical Skills Instructor provides assistance/guidance to participants in learning and validating the required clinical skills for the course:

1. Demonstrates and observes a return demonstration of clinical skills in preparation for final testing.
2. Assists with the final testing/evaluation of participants’ competencies, according to established criteria, for the following clinical skills:
   - Selection, sizing, and fitting of a pouching system and appropriate accessory products (matching system to a patient), including the following:
     - Measurement of the size and determination of the shape (round, oval, or irregular) of a stoma or fistula.
     - Pattern making for large, irregular, and/or unusual shaped stomas or fistulas; including drawing, cutting, and correctly transferring the pattern to the skin barrier.
   - Application and emptying of a pouching system, use of accessory products, and attachment of an appropriate drainage collector for a urostomy pouch.
   - Differential evaluation of common peristomal and stomal complications to determine which complications should be referred to a WOC specialty nurse or other healthcare provider.
   - Technique for colostomy irrigation.
   - Application of closed suction or a pouching system for fistula management.
   - Stabilization of percutaneous tubes.