



Charles Null RN, WCC, OMS

This month, NAWCO is proud to spotlight Charles Null as December's Outstanding WCC. Charles has dedicated his life to the healthcare industry, beginning his journey at just sixteen years old as a nursing aide in a nursing home. Through hard work and perseverance, he advanced his career, earning both his LVN and RN licenses. In February 2024, Charles achieved his WCC certification, followed by his OMS certification in October 2024. He currently serves as a Wound, Ostomy, and Hyperbaric Nurse at <u>Memorial Hermann Health Systems</u> in Houston, Texas.

Originally from Ohio, Charles relocated to Houston and began working as a Chemo Credentialed Nurse. Although he enjoyed the role, he knew it wasn't his true calling. When an opportunity arose for a wound care position within his hospital, Charles eagerly embraced the challenge, even without prior wound certification. With a oneyear deadline to obtain certification, Charles explored his options and chose the WCC because it provided a path that did not require a BSN. Later, he also earned his OMS certification. Additionally, Charles is Hyperbaric Certified, allowing him to educate patients on this often-overlooked treatment option and its benefits.

In his current role, Charles has become the go-to resource for wound care expertise at his hospital. He regularly advises nurses and physicians on wound care products and techniques, earning the trust and respect of his colleagues. Although he never envisioned himself as an educator, Charles now takes pride in sharing his knowledge to ensure patients receive the best care possible.

One notable example of Charles's dedication involved a young woman struggling as a new ostomate after surgery left her with a flush-to-skin stoma. Unable to find suitable products, she faced immense frustration. Charles took the time to research and identify the right solutions for her unique needs. His efforts not only improved her quality of care but also transformed her outlook on life as an ostomate. Charles exemplifies the qualities of a WCC by consistently going above and beyond for his patients and colleagues. Please join us in congratulating Charles Null as December's Outstanding WCC. His commitment to excellence and passion for improving patient outcomes make him an invaluable part of NAWCO.

Do you know a NAWCO credential holder who is making a difference in wound care? We'd love to hear their story! Click the link below to share it with us.

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