



## **April Howard, LPN, WCC, OMS**

Dedicated. Driven. A True Coach in Wound Care.

This month, NAWCO proudly recognizes April Howard, LPN, WCC, OMS, as our Outstanding Clinician. With a nursing career that began in 1999, April has dedicated her professional life to training, coaching, and consulting, leaving a lasting impact on both clinicians and patients alike. Currently serving as a Regional Clinical Manager for Curitec, April brings passion, leadership, and deep clinical knowledge to every role she steps into.

April discovered her love for wound care early in her career while working in home health care. Witnessing her patients' wounds heal and seeing the direct impact of quality care was not only gratifying—it was transformative. It sparked a calling that would define her nursing journey. In 2014, she earned her WCC, followed by her OMS in 2020, formalizing her commitment to excellence in wound care.

Early on, April also recognized a critical gap in the field: the need for more well-trained wound care nurses. This realization propelled her into consulting and education, where she found her true niche. One of her most impactful roles involved supporting long-term care facilities that had failed portions of their state surveys. April stepped in, collaborated with on-site teams, developed effective protocols, and guided them in selecting the Medicare-approved supplies needed to deliver appropriate wound care. Her leadership has helped multiple facilities successfully exit special focus status, turning challenges into triumphs.

As a corporate trainer, April takes special pride in mentoring nurses new to wound care, helping them earn certifications and gain confidence in their roles.

She has supported countless clinicians on their journey to becoming certified wound care professionals, often collaborating with administrators to ensure their patients receive the best, most compliant care possible.

April's career is a powerful example of how one nurse can inspire and uplift an entire profession. Her legacy lies not just in the care she's delivered—but in the next generation of wound care nurses she's trained, coached, and empowered.

Please join us in congratulating April Howard as this month's Outstanding Clinician. Her dedication to advancing wound care through education and mentorship is truly commendable, and we are proud to have her as part of the NAWCO community.

If you know someone like April, we would love to hear about it. Click the following link to share their story. <https://www.nawccb.org/excellence-in-wound-care-nominees>

