



## Valerie Crenshaw RN, WCC

Valerie Crenshaw boasts an impressive 15-year tenure in the healthcare industry, earning her Wound Care Certified (WCC®) status in 2010. Throughout her career, she's worn multiple hats, from a dedicated wound care nurse to a corporate wound care educator in the field. With a deep-seated passion for ensuring patients receive the specialized care they deserve; Valerie's journey has culminated in the establishment of a thriving staffing agency catering to wound care nurses.

Navigating the complexities of chronic wounds can be daunting for patients, but having access to a skilled and compassionate wound care nurse can make all the difference. Unfortunately, nursing shortages nationwide have posed challenges in ensuring such access. Hospitals, long-term care facilities, and wound clinics alike are often left grappling with the task of finding qualified wound care professionals promptly and affordably. Recognizing this pressing need, Valerie took the initiative to found [Healing Hands Wound Care Staffing Agency](#).

Valerie's inspiration for delving into wound care came from a transformative experience aiding a patient in healing from a wound induced by a knee brace. Witnessing the profound impact of her efforts fueled her determination to pursue a career in wound care. Relocating from St. Louis to Chicago, she embarked on her journey, initially serving as a wound nurse at a hospital before transitioning to a role as a corporate wound care educator in 2020.

During her travels to various healthcare facilities, Valerie noticed a glaring shortage of wound care nurses. She also encountered seasoned wound care professionals in the field struggling to secure employment. Armed with this firsthand insight, she set out to address both sides of the equation by founding Healing Hands Wound Care.

Operating in the Chicagoland area, Healing Hands Wound Care serves as a pivotal bridge connecting experienced nurses seeking employment with facilities in need of their expertise. By ensuring that facilities receive properly trained wound care nurses, Valerie and her team at Healing Hands are not only meeting the needs of healthcare organizations but also significantly enhancing patient outcomes.

The National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy (NAWCO) proudly recognizes Valerie as a WCC® and extends gratitude for her unwavering dedication to enhancing the lives of both wound patients and nurses through education and access.

If you know someone making a positive impact like Valerie, we invite you to share their story with us. Visit the link below for more information: <https://www.nawccb.org/excellence-in-wound-care-nominees>