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## Competency elements in the roles of certified wound, ostomy and continence nurses in Japan

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This study clarified the competency elements in role accomplishment of certified wound, ostomy, and continence nurses (WOCNs) in Japan. In this study, WOCNs were defined as expert WOCNs who had worked more than five years as certified nurses. Expert WOCNs provided a WOCN competency model of development. The investigation examined 27 WOCNs who worked at a hospital. The investigation was conducted by interview. The interview was from 45 minutes to 120 minutes. Data about competency were collected through semi-structured interviews. As a result of categorizing and analyzing the collected data, five categories of competency elements in WOCNs' role accomplishment were extracted: "action required to achieve the job objective," "skills in the WOC nursing practice model," "human relationships based on understanding others," "WOCN role formation," and "WOCN self-study." These will lead to growth and development as WOCNs gain clinical experience according to expert guides.

### Biography

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