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Columbus Community Hospital nurses complete the Wound Treatment Associate program

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(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – Danelle Marxsen, Tanya McKeen and Michele Smith recently completed the Wound Treatment Associate (WTA) Program with the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurse (WOCN) Society.

This certification program is part of the WOCN Society’s continuing education program to help nurses in the WOC specialty area by providing bedside nursing education specific to that type of care.

“This program is a great asset, because it helps those nurses who are not necessarily interested in completing the full certification for wound, ostomy and continence care,” said Jennifer Fjell, W.O.C. Health Center director. “It provides them with the additional information and education to help improve patient outcomes.”

The program requires each nurse to complete 32 contact hours and pass the comprehensive exam. Marxsen, McKeen and Smith completed the requirements to become a Wound Treatment Associate, and Marxsen has since continued her education to become WTA certified.

CCH was able to allocate funds in the department budget to help the nurses to complete this program.

“They decided on their own to complete this program, so we’re very excited to be able to help them expand their knowledge,” Fjell said. “This was a way for them to get exposure to things we don’t see all that often and get the hands-on experience to grow their expertise.”

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