



Education Concept

Academy of Certified Wound Management - KAMMERLANDER-WFI in Wound Management and Skin Care in the German Speaking Countries (Austria, Germany, Switzerland)

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Objectives:

Today in German speaking countries we see a fast development in modern wound care. Therefore a lot of different education concepts arise. One of the first and now well established programs is arranged by a certified private academy.

Aim:

The introduction of this CWM™(Certified Wound Management)- education concept is the aim of this poster. This paper shows the historical development, objectives, target group, organisation, education structure and program, curriculum, quality assessment and perspective of this concept.

Methods:

In cooperation with the Academy of Health Care Professionals of Austrian Health and Nurse Society, the Academy CWM was established to provide wound care education to professionals.

Development:

The education concept was created in Switzerland-Austria and Germany to train health care professionals in Wound Management and to optimize cooperation strategies, inter-professional and between different medical divisions.

The historical development of this concept started **1989** for the University Hospital of Zurich-Switzerland. In **1995** there was the first education over one week in Wound Management. Since **1997** the most important health assurance company of Austria (Styria) train the healthcare professionals with this concept. There is a cooperation since **1999** with the Academy of Health Care Professionals of the Austrian Health and Nurse Society.

Results:

Since **1999 more than 9.000 participants** attended one of the training courses of this academy. In **4 qualification steps** interested health care professionals may be educated in wound care and skin care. The curriculum is harmonized with the German Society for Wound Healing and Wound Treatment. The teaching program is arranged **by about 40 international experts** and is practical orientated to enable the participants transferring actual knowledge to their wound patients in a holistic and professional way. An important objective is to support the appreciation one another and teamwork between the different health care professionals in wound management. This education program **is first certified by TÜV Austria in Europe** in this specialist area according to **ISO 9001:2000**.

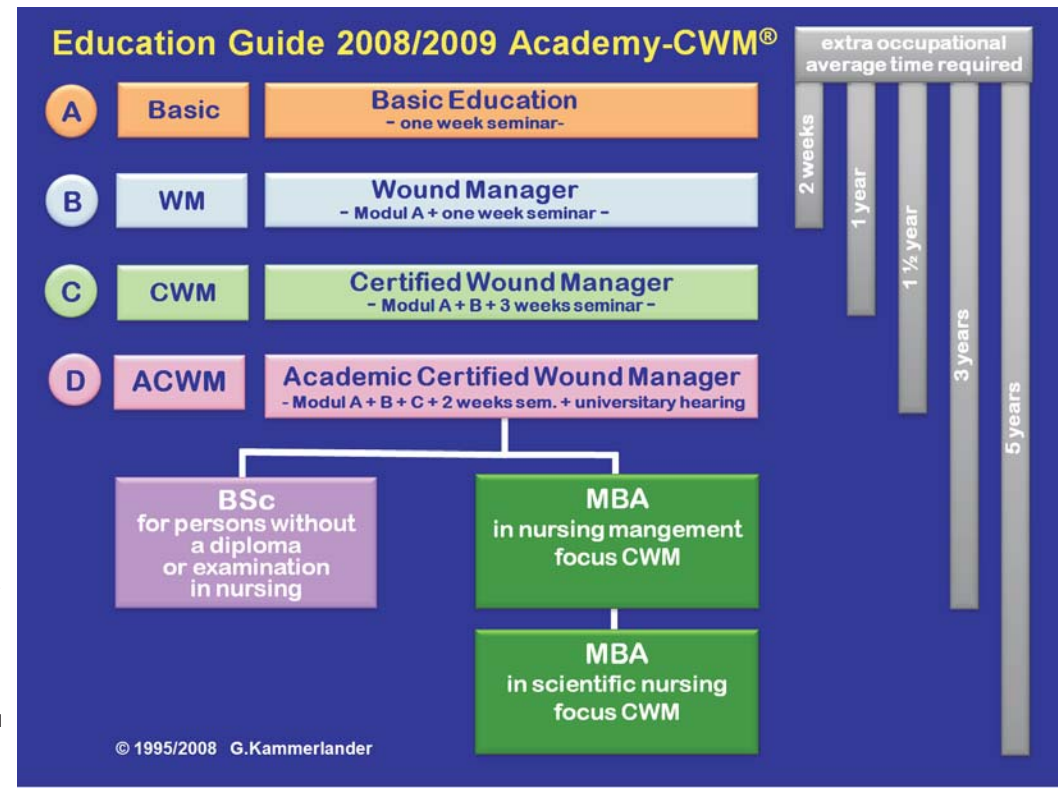
Thus it is guaranteed that the in its structure, process and result quality corresponds to current standard. Together with the TÜV Austria individual certifying are accomplished. This guarantees that according to an international set of rules of the quality assurance the voluntary, regularly and recurring training and actualization by the graduate is accepted.

Future:

Starting in spring **2009** in cooperation with an Austrian University this education program is upgraded to an university education level (BSc, Master) specified in Certified Wound Management.

Conclusion:

In German speaking countries the Academy arranges a well structured and practical orientated education program since **1989** concerning wound management. The development in **2009** to an academical degree for wound managers mark a historical step into the future of wound-management-education.



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