

**WAC 246-940-020 Certification requirements.** To qualify for certification, a candidate must:

(1) Successfully complete a three hundred hour training program approved by the secretary, that includes instruction in general animal massage techniques, kinesiology, anatomy, physiology, behavior, first-aid care and handling techniques:

(a) To practice animal massage on large animals, the three hundred hours of instruction must be related to the performance of animal massage on large animals;

(b) To practice animal massage on small animals, the three hundred hours of instruction must be related to the performance of animal massage on small animals;

(c) For certification in both small animal massage and large animal massage, the candidate must complete the training described in (a) and (b) of this subsection.

(2) Successfully complete a qualifying examination approved by the secretary:

(a) To practice animal massage on large animals, successfully complete the National Certification Examination for Equine Massage administered by the National Board of Certification for Animal Acupressure and Massage;

(b) To practice animal massage on small animals, successfully complete the National Certification Examination for Canine Massage administered by the National Board of Certification for Animal Acupressure and Massage.

(c) Candidates seeking certification in both small animal massage and large animal massage must meet all requirements in (a) and (b) of this subsection.

(3) Successfully complete the Washington state animal massage jurisprudence examination; and

(4) Complete four clock hours of AIDS education as required in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 8.

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