

**WAC 246-836A-020 Colon hydrotherapist—Education and training.**

An applicant for a colon hydrotherapy credential must successfully complete a colon hydrotherapy training program approved by the board.

(1) The colon hydrotherapy training program must be administered by a licensed supervising naturopathic physician under a training affiliation relationship. Such training affiliation relationship must also meet the requirements in WAC 246-836-310 (1)(a) through (c). The supervising naturopathic physician is responsible for verifying the content of the training and for ascertaining the proficiency of the trainee.

(a) The colon hydrotherapy training program must provide evaluation and assessment of knowledge and skills in the following areas:

(i) The history, theory, and practice of colon hydrotherapy to include risks and contraindications;

(ii) Anatomy and physiology, a portion of which must include the anatomy and physiology of the alimentary tract as well as the function and disfunction of intestinal health;

(iii) Professional ethics and patient boundaries;

(iv) Business ethics and office procedures; and

(v) Equipment safety, infection prevention and control, and the handling and disposal of used equipment.

(b) The colon hydrotherapy training program must include a colon hydrotherapy practicum component for which the supervising naturopathic physician shall provide direct visual supervision to the trainee. Such practicum must include at a minimum 30 colon hydrotherapy procedures performed by the trainee within six months.

(c) The supervising naturopathic physician is responsible for ensuring the competency of the trainee in the performance of colon hydrotherapy procedures.

(2) Documentation of all colon hydrotherapy training, duties, and responsibilities of the trainee must be completed, signed by the supervising naturopathic physician and the trainee, and placed in the trainee's file. Such documentation must be retained for two years.

(3) Training programs that meet the requirements described in subsection (1) of this section are approved by the board.

(4) A trainee must submit their completed application, with a copy of the documentation required in subsection (2) of this section, and all required fees, to the board within 90 days of completing the colon hydrotherapy training program to be approved to sit for the state colon hydrotherapy examination as set forth in WAC 246-836A-030.

(5) A colon hydrotherapist who is currently certified, registered, or has otherwise been credentialed by GPACT, I-ACT, or NBCHT is considered to have met the education and training requirements in this section.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.36A.160, 18.36A.095, and 2021 c 179. WSR 22-11-017, § 246-836A-020, filed 5/9/22, effective 7/1/22.]