

**WAC 246-926-165 Radiologic technologist—Military equivalency of certification requirements.** (1) The department accepts military education, training, or experience as described in subsections (4) through (8) of this section as meeting the corresponding education, training, or experience requirements.

(2) For the purposes of this section, these terms shall have the following meaning:

(a) "CAAHEP" means the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs and includes its prior organization, the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA).

(b) "JRCCVT" means the Joint Review Committee on Education in Cardiovascular Technology.

(c) "JRCERT" means the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

(d) "JRCNMT" means the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology.

(e) "METC" means the Department of Defense, Defense Health Agency, Medical Education and Training Campus.

(3) Acceptable documentation to verify radiologic technology education, training, and experience for current or former U.S. Military service members includes:

(a) A copy of the service member's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214, Member-4 copy; or NGB-22 for National Guard);

(b) Joint Service Transcript or JST/Sailor-Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript or SMART;

(c) Army American Council of Education, or ACE, Registry Transcript System or AARTS;

(d) Application for the Evaluation of Learning Experiences During Military Service (DD Form 295) certified by the service member's service branch; or

(e) Any other military transcripts and forms that document the service member's military training and experience, such as the Community College of the Air Force or CCAF.

(4) For diagnostic radiologic technologists, the following are the acceptable military education, training, or experience:

(a)(i) The METC Tri Service Radiology program has been JRCERT accredited since 2011 and meets the school approval requirement in WAC 246-926-095;

(ii) Formal pre-METC U.S. Army, Navy, or Air Force radiologic technologist diagnostic-radiographer education programs have been determined by the department to meet the requirements in WAC 246-926-110;

(iii) Informal U.S. Army, Navy, or Air Force radiologic technologist diagnostic-radiographer education programs, such as U.S. Navy on-the-job training commonly referred to as "fast track," must meet all the requirements in WAC 246-926-110; or

(iv) The secretary will review U.S. Coast Guard education, training, and experience on a case-by-case basis to determine if training and scope of practice meets the requirements in WAC 246-926-110.

(b) All applicants applying under (a) of this subsection must provide proof of successful passage of the ARRT radiographer radiologic technologist examination or the Washington state examination identified in WAC 246-926-135, with the exception of those applicants who completed a pre-METC program that was accredited by the JRCERT at the time the applicant completed it.

(5) For therapeutic radiologic technologists, the following are the acceptable military education, training, or experience:

(a)(i) As of the effective date of this rule, METC does not offer a therapeutic radiologic technologist education program. Formal pre-METC U.S. Army, Navy, or Air Force therapeutic radiologic technologist education programs have been determined by the department to meet the requirements in WAC 246-926-120;

(ii) Informal U.S. Army, Navy, or Air Force therapeutic radiologic technologist education programs must meet all the requirements in WAC 246-926-120; or

(iii) The department will review U.S. Coast Guard education, training, and experience on a case-by-case basis to determine if training and scope of practice meets the requirements in WAC 246-926-120.

(b) All applicants applying under (a) of this subsection must provide proof of successful passage of the ARRT therapeutic radiologic technologist examination or the Washington state examination identified in WAC 246-926-135.

(6) For nuclear medicine technologists, the following are the acceptable military education, training, or experience:

(a)(i) As of the effective date of this rule, METC does not offer a JRCNMT accredited nuclear medicine technologist education program. Formal pre-METC U.S. Army, Navy, or Air Force radiologic technologist nuclear medicine programs completed from June 1, 1972, through August 31, 2012, meets the school approval requirement in WAC 246-926-095;

(ii) The METC nuclear medicine technologist education program is accredited by the ARRT. The department has determined this program meets the requirements in WAC 246-926-130;

(iii) Nonaccredited formal nuclear medicine education programs not identified in subsection (4)(a) of this section has been determined by the department to meet the requirements in WAC 246-926-130;

(iv) Informal U.S. Army, Navy, or Air Force radiologic technologist nuclear medicine education programs must meet all the requirements in WAC 246-926-130; or

(v) The department will review U.S. Coast Guard education, training, and experience on a case-by-case basis to determine if training and scope of practice meets the requirements in WAC 246-926-130.

(b) All applicants applying under (a) of this subsection must provide proof of successful passage of the NMTCB examination, the ARRT nuclear medicine technology examination, or the Washington state examination identified in WAC 246-926-135.

(7) For cardiovascular invasive specialists, the following are acceptable military education, training, or experience:

(a)(i) The METC cardiovascular technologist education program is CAAHEP accredited, which includes JRCCVT accreditation, and meets the school approval requirement in WAC 246-926-410. Formal pre-METC U.S. Army, Navy, or Air Force cardiovascular technologist education programs that were accredited by CAAHEP, which includes its prior organization CAHEA, also meet the school approval requirement in WAC 246-926-410;

(ii) Formal pre-METC U.S. Army, Navy, or Air Force cardiovascular technologist education programs that were not accredited by CAAHEP or CAHEA have been determined by the department to meet the requirements in WAC 246-926-410 (1)(a);

(iii) Informal U.S. Army, Navy, or Air Force cardiovascular technologist education programs, such as on-the-job U.S. Navy training

commonly referred to as "fast track," must meet all the requirements in WAC 246-926-410 (1) (a) and (b); or

(b) The department will review U.S. Coast Guard education, training, and experience on a case-by-case basis to determine if training and scope of practice meets the requirements in WAC 246-926-410.

(c) All applicants applying under (a) of this subsection must provide proof of successful passage of an examination identified in WAC 246-926-410 (1) (b) or (2).

(8) Radiologist assistant. There is currently no radiologist assistant-equivalent occupation in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard. The department will review an individual's military training and experience record on a case-by-case basis; however, individuals who have obtained a passing score on the ARRT registered radiologist assistant examination shall be considered to have met the education and training requirements for certification as a radiologist assistant.

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