

WAC 246-841-550 Medical assistant-certified alternative program requirements. The commission may approve alternative programs for individual medical assistant-certified to successfully complete in order to qualify to take the nursing assistant-certified competency evaluation.

- (1) An alternative program shall:
 - (a) Submit documentation of meeting all requirements of WAC 246-841-420.
 - (b) Have a competency based curriculum composed of learning objectives and activities. The curriculum content shall include:
 - (i) Measurement of fluid and food input and output.
 - (ii) Participation in planning and nursing reporting process.
 - (iii) Bathing, oral care, and skin care.
 - (iv) Personal care tasks, appropriate to chronological age and developmental stage of residents.
 - (v) Grooming and dressing.
 - (vi) Toileting.
 - (vii) Eating and hydration, including:
 - (A) Techniques to prevent choking and aspiration; and
 - (B) Health and sanitation in food services.
 - (viii) Basic restorative services.
 - (A) Use of assistive devices in ambulation, transferring, eating and dressing.
 - (B) Range of motion.
 - (C) Turning and positioning.
 - (D) Transferring and ambulating.
 - (E) Use and care of prosthetic devices.
 - (ix) Client resident rights and promotion of independence.
 - (A) Assistance in getting to and joining in activities appropriate to chronological age of resident.
 - (B) Respect for client's property.
 - (C) Use of restraints and acknowledges agency policies that may apply to restraints.
 - (x) An environment with adequate ventilation, warmth, light, and quiet.
 - (xi) Rules and regulations, including:
 - (A) The scope of practice, nursing assistant-certified.
 - (B) The workers right to know law.
 - (C) The Uniform Disciplinary Act, including RCW 18.130.180.
 - (c) Have a program director:
 - (i) Who is currently licensed as a registered nurse (RN) in good standing in the state of Washington and has a minimum of three years of experience as an RN, with at least one year of experience in direct patient care.
 - (ii) Who has successfully completed a training course on adult instruction or can demonstrate that he or she has one year experience teaching adults unless the program director works exclusively in a secondary educational setting.
 - (A) The training course on adult instruction must provide instruction in understanding the adult learner, techniques for teaching adults, classroom methods for teaching adults and audio-visual techniques for teaching adults.
 - (B) Acceptable experience does not include in-service education or patient teaching.
 - (iii) Who has a minimum of one year experience within the past three years in caring for the elderly or chronically ill of any age if also acting as an instructor.

(2) The program director may select instructional staff to assist in the teaching of the course. Instructional staff must meet the following requirements:

(a) Hold a current Washington state license to practice as a registered or licensed practical nurse in good standing; and

(b) Have a minimum of one year experience within the past three years in caring for the elderly or chronically ill of any age.

(3) Instructional staff may assist the program director in development of curricula, teaching modalities, and evaluation. The instructor must be under the supervision of the program director at all times.

(4) A guest lecturer or individual with expertise in a specific course unit may be used in the classroom setting for teaching without commission approval, following the program director's review of the currency of content. The guest lecturer, where applicable, must hold a license, certificate or registration in good standing in their field of expertise.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88A.087 and 18.88A.060. WSR 11-16-042, § 246-841-550, filed 7/27/11, effective 8/27/11.]