

WAC 246-840-220 Continuing competency requirements—Active sta-

tus. (1) Upon license renewal a nurse must attest on a form provided by the department of health declaring completion of the required active nursing practice hours and continuing nursing education hours.

(2) A nurse must complete within a twelve-month period prior to the renewal of licensure:

(a) A minimum of ninety-six hours of active nursing practice; and

(b) A minimum of eight hours of continuing nursing education.

(3) Nurses must complete a qualified suicide prevention training as follows:

(a) A registered nurse, except for registered nurses holding an active certified registered nurse anesthetist license, and licensed practical nurses must complete a one-time, six hour training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management from a qualified suicide prevention training program. The training must be completed by the end of the first full year of practice.

(b) A qualified suicide training program must be on the model list, required under RCW 43.70.442, to be accepted.

(c) The hours spent completing a qualified training program in suicide assessment, treatment, and management under this section counts toward continuing competency requirements in subsection (2)(b) of this section.

(4) Nurses who are enrolled in, or have completed prerequisite classes for, an advanced nursing education program are exempt from the continuing competency requirements during their current review period.

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