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PERMANENT RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF

**SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

(Home and Community Living Administration)

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Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to correct and adopt a reference in WAC 388-112A-1292. This was a transcription error in which two numbers had inadvertently been reversed. The citation in WAC 388-112A-1292(1) pointing to WAC 388-112A-1420 (1) and (2) is incorrect and should be WAC 388-112A-1240.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 388-112A-1292.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.20.270, 70.128.230, 74.08.090, 74.39A.070, and 74.39A.074.

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**SHS-5102.1**

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 23-01-022, filed 12/9/22, effective 1/9/23)

**WAC 388-112A-1292 What are the minimum qualifications for community instructors to teach expanded specialty trainings?** (1) The minimum qualifications for community instructors to teach an expanded specialty training, in addition to the general qualifications in WAC ((388-112A-1420)) 388-112A-1240 (1) and (2), include:

(a) The instructor must be experienced in caregiving practices related to the expanded specialty topic and capable of demonstrating competency in the entire course content;

(b) Education:

(i) Bachelor's degree, registered nurse, paramedic, emergency medical technician (EMT), mental health specialist, or a specialist with nationally recognized credentials in the expanded specialty topic with at least 80 hours of education in seminars, conferences, continu-

ing education, or accredited college classes, in subjects directly related to expanded specialty topics; and

(ii) Successful completion of the expanded specialty training class before the instructor trains others;

(c) Work experience: Two years full-time equivalent direct work or volunteer experience with people in the specialty topic population; and

(d) Teaching experience:

(i) 200 hours experience teaching;

(ii) Successful completion of an adult education class that meets the requirements of WAC 388-112A-1297;

(iii) Successful completion of the DSHS instructor qualification/demonstration process; and

(iv) The instructor has been approved and contracted by the department as a community instructor;

(e) Instructors who will administer tests must have experience or training in assessment and competency testing; and

(2) Five years of full-time equivalent direct work experience with people in the specialty topic population may substitute for either:

(a) The credential or degree described in subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section; or

(b) The 80 hours in seminars, conferences, or continuing education described in subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section.