



# News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Clark County

In August 2013 the Dental Commission charged dentist and general anesthesia permit holder **Thomas M. Kreger** (DE00005279, GA10000108) with unprofessional conduct. Kreger allegedly didn't meet the standard of care in anesthetizing or sedating five patients. He allegedly told the Dental Commission his patients received only local anesthetics or moderate sedation, but records show five patients were placed under general anesthesia or deep sedation. For nearly four years, Kreger allegedly allowed an unregistered, non-credentialed dental assistant to practice.

In August 2013 the Health Care Assistant Program ended probation for health care assistant **Gerardo J. Nieves** (HC60214048).

In August 2013 the Chiropractic Commission entered a modified agreement with chiropractor **Thomas Kessinger** (CH60161096) that gives him six additional months to pay a \$4,000 fine. In a 2011 agreement after his California license was revoked, Kessinger was given 18 months to pay the fine. He was placed on probation for at least five years.

## Cowlitz County

In August 2013 the Counselor Program charged agency affiliated counselor **John Andrew Preheim** (CG60155747) with unprofessional conduct. Preheim allegedly hasn't complied with an order that he undergo a mental examination.

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### **Island County**

In August 2013 the Dental Hygienist Program entered an agreement with dental hygienist **Anita Lee Rodriguez** (DH00001530) that placed her credential on probation for at least one year. She must pay a \$1,500 fine. Rodriguez, who operates a dental hygiene business, practiced without adequate supervision by a dentist and beyond her scope of practice.

### **Jefferson County**

In August 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Kimberly Annjanette Carroll** (CO60146076).

### **King County**

In August 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program issued a statement of charges against registered nursing assistant **Gary B. Rice** (NA00185206). The charges say that Rice is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety because of a physical or mental condition.

In August 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registered nursing assistant credential of **Sundae Renee Jones** (NA60170026) and placed her on probation for at least two years. Her credential was suspended for failing to show up on time to care for a vulnerable adult, and falsifying records.

In July 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program denied a registered nursing assistant credential to **Carlton Devon Maxwell** (NA60360557). In 2011 Maxwell agreed to facts sufficient for a guilty finding on a third-degree theft charge.

In August 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a certified nursing assistant credential to **Beth Ellen Tuthill** (NC60333889) and placed her on probation for at least one year. In 2013 Tuthill's registered nursing credential was conditionally reinstated.

In August 2013 the Massage Program conditionally granted a massage practitioner credential to **Ty Dannon Kent** (MA60390809) and ordered him to undergo screening for a substance abuse monitoring program.

In August 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Wondu G. Tanetse** (NA60187481, NC60190437) with unprofessional conduct. The Department of Social and Health Services found Tanetse abused a vulnerable adult while working as a nursing assistant in a nursing home. Tanetse isn't allowed to be employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Lewis County**

In August 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Martin Edward Montague** (CO60206713).

### **Pierce County**

In August 2013 the Counselor Program charged agency affiliated counselor **Vicky Lynn Shumaker** (CG60164199) with unprofessional conduct. Shumaker allegedly asked a coworker if he was interested in buying a controlled substance. She also didn't respond to a Department of Health request for a written response to the allegation. A 2013 first-degree theft conviction included the provision that, for 10 years, Shumaker must not be employed working with or for vulnerable adults on a paid or volunteer basis.

In August 2013 the Medical Commission charged physician **Paula L. Schulze** (MD00021853) with unprofessional conduct. A 2012 stipulation required Schulze to take continuing education in record-keeping and in deep vein thrombosis, and to write a research paper about deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolisms. She allegedly hasn't complied.

### **Skagit County**

In August 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Erin Lynn Linvog** (RN60245004) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Linvog was convicted in federal court of tampering with consumer goods and acquiring controlled substances by misrepresentation, fraud, or deception.

### **Snohomish County**

In August 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Tami Patricia Callahan** (NC60079601) with unprofessional conduct. A patient at the facility where Callahan worked left her purse containing her debit card in her room when she was transferred to a hospital. Between that time and the patient's death about two weeks later, Callahan allegedly stole the debit card, using it for about \$3,723 in purchases and withdrawals for her own benefit. The Department of Social and Health Services found she financially exploited a vulnerable adult and will not allow her to be employed in caring for and having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Spokane County**

In August 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional trainee **Greg D. Stewart** (CO60308173) with unprofessional conduct. Stewart allegedly admitted forging his school advisor's signature on a confidentiality form. He allegedly admitted consuming alcohol before reporting for work at a chemical dependency treatment facility and working there while under the influence of alcohol. While working at another chemical dependency treatment facility, Stewart allegedly tested positive for marijuana use.

In August 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Robin Rebecca Crandal** (NA60285324) with unprofessional conduct. While working at an assisted living facility, Crandal allegedly knocked a patient to the ground with forceful contact while removing the patient from another patient's room.

### **Walla Walla County**

In August 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Andrea Leigh Dressler** (CO60245625) and placed her on probation. In 2008 Dressler was convicted of six counts of obtaining controlled substance by fraud. In 2009 she was convicted of three counts of forgery and one count of possession of hydrocodone. In 2009 her registered nursing credential was suspended. In 2012 her chemical dependency professional trainee credential application was denied.

### **Whatcom County**

In August 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional and chemical dependency professional trainee **Kevin Patrick Maier** (CP60267483, CO60138358) with unprofessional conduct. Maier allegedly used controlled substances at a treatment facility where he worked, and allegedly used methamphetamine. Charges say Maier paid for a client's hotel room, stayed there with the client after drinking alcohol and being too impaired to drive home, and provided a urinalysis test schedule to a second client.

### **Yakima County**

In August 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **José Guadalupe Acevedo** (CO60371695). From 1996 to 2011 Acevedo was convicted of seven gross misdemeanors.

### **Out of State**

**Oregon:** In August 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Sherry Dress** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Despite having no Washington midwife credential, Dress allegedly advertises that she's a certified midwife in Oregon with authorization to practice in Washington, and that she practices midwifery in eastern Washington. She allegedly provided midwifery care to four women in Washington and helped them deliver their babies.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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