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## Veterans have opportunities to continue in health care field after military

**OLYMPIA** — Honoring military veterans goes beyond a single day each November. The state Department of Health works daily to help people who have served their country in the military make a smooth transition into providing health care for Washington residents.

“We owe our veterans a tremendous debt of gratitude,” said Secretary of Health John Wiesman. “This is a valuable way to thank them and to help them get started on their post-military careers, as well as help people in our state get access to health care from skilled, qualified professionals.”

The department works with other state agencies and non-profit organizations to match veterans with opportunities and expedite the licensing process for veterans and spouses of military personnel who relocate to Washington. It typically takes two weeks or less to process an application for most veterans. Staff members also help identify civilian professions that are similar to military occupations and work with education institutions to fill any gaps in training.

Military services have a significant presence in Washington, and many people who serve want to live and work in Washington after leaving the armed forces. Those who provide health care must have Washington licenses in order to practice in the state.

Veterans and those planning to leave the military who are interested in getting Washington health care licenses may call 360-236-4700 or [send an email to the agency’s licensing program](#). [More information about the services](#) provided by the agency can be found online.

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