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Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6237

Career Ladder Workshop

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Department of Health

Tumwater, Washington



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Why are we here?

- ESSB 6237 requires that DOH consult with stakeholders to develop recommendations regarding a career path plan for medical assistants and entry level health care workers
- Must include methods for including credit for prior learning
- Identify barriers to career advancement and career ladder training initiatives

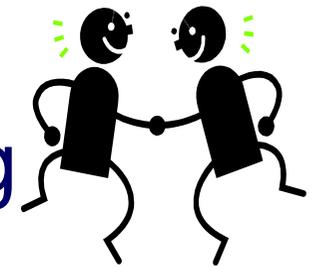
Themes from workshop on 7/11/12

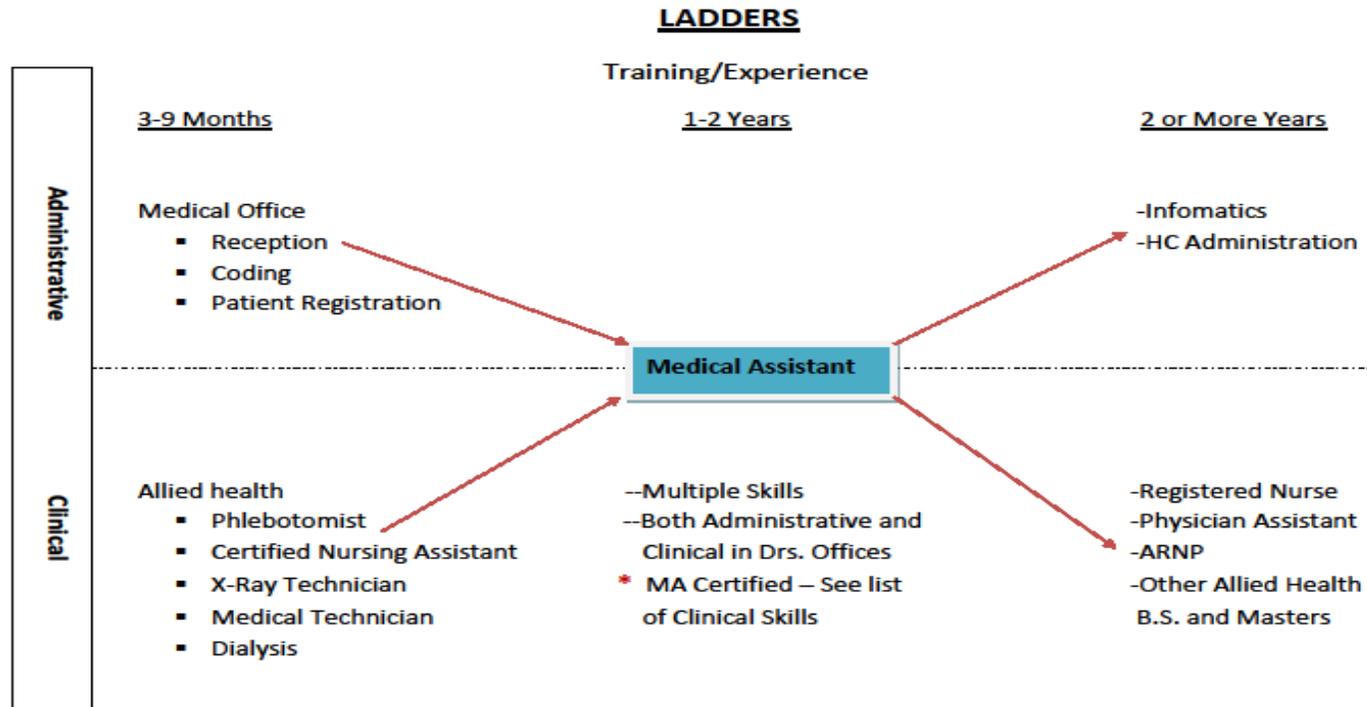
- Many barriers identified and discussed
 - Training
 - Communication
 - Current law



Themes continued

- Role of schools and organizations
 - Give credit for prior learning
 - Partnerships – current and potential
 - Information sharing/marketing
 - Delivery of education and training





Today's focus: Addressing the "How's"

- **HOW** can credit for prior learning be given uniformly?
- **HOW** can current and potential partnerships be formed and strengthened?
- **HOW** can information and opportunities be shared with students and entry level health care workers?
- **HOW** can these opportunities and services be delivered effectively across the state?

Credit for prior learning

- How can program and institutional accreditation and standards for prior learning be aligned?



Partnerships

- Build partnerships statewide between career and community colleges and technical schools
- State Workforce Board
- Credentialing of veterans



Information sharing/marketing

- Create collaborative plan to inform student and entry level health care workers of available resources, jobs, and educational opportunities



Delivery of education and training

- Hybrid delivery
- Assessment
- Use of existing models
- Inclusion of career ladder component into MA education programs



Group discussion



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