

Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission

Listserv Announcement

Subject: Rules Writing Workshops: Nursing Assistants, Minimum Data Set: Demographic Information for Licensure Applications and Renewals, and Substance Use Disorders

Rules Writing Workshops

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) is offering three rule writing workshops. We open the rule writing process to the public to allow an opportunity for input and comment. Your attendance and participation assists us in writing complete and easy to understand rules. You may attend in-person or by webinar. Participation may be counted as continuing education. **Please see the attached flyer for details.** If you are unable to attend a workshop, you may submit written comments or suggestions to:

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Nursing Assistants

[Substitute House Bill 1727](#) enacted July 24, 2015 allows individuals with a nursing assistant credential to provide care under direction and supervision of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in a community mental health facility. Nursing assistants can already practice under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse in community-based settings, in-home care settings; and under the direction and supervision of a licensed practical nurse in hospitals and nursing homes. The NCQAC receive numerous phone calls and correspondence requesting clarification of the nursing assistant education laws and regulations, scope of practice and delegation. As the healthcare industry grows and starts taking on more acute care and complex patients in different settings we are getting more questions on where nursing assistants may practice and what they may do. The NCQAC seeks changes to address the change in the law and to provide clarity to the nursing assistant rules.

Minimum Data Sets (MDS): Demographic Information for Licensure Applications and Renewals

The NCQAC will consider requiring the submission of Health Professions Minimum Data Set (MDS) demographic data by all nurses who renew their licenses. The data would inform the NCQAC's decision making process. The Health Professions Minimum Data Set (MDS) data developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is a national standard of data for health professionals. The data looks at demographics, including: first degree in nursing, highest degree earned in nursing, employment status, and specialty areas. Collecting this data would allow the NCQAC to understand the population of nurses working in Washington State. The NCQAC would use the data to inform policy decisions. The data would also allow the NCQAC to compare demographic data to other states and national levels.

Substance Use Disorders

The substance abuse rules adopted in 1997 include definitions, monitoring programs and conditions for participants. Since 1997, some terminology and processes have changed. Assistant Attorneys General have been reluctant to charge some violations because of the ambiguity in the definitions. This results in substance abuse cases that must be closed because of the inability to charge violations. Allowing impaired nurses to practice compromises public protection. The NCQAC is seeking to update terminology and remove definitions no longer used, clarify, and update the processes of sanctions for issuing Statement of Charges.

Rules Writing Workshops**Nursing Assistants**

- Date:** Wednesday, June 1, 2016 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: [Spokane Public Library - Downtown Branch](#)
906 West Main Avenue, Spokane WA
Webinar Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1813667893625345794>
- Date:** Monday, June 13, 2016 **Time:** 10:00 am. To 12:00 p.m.
Location: [Vancouver Community Library](#)
901 C Street, Vancouver WA
Webinar Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7133574640161379841>
- Date:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: [Washington State University College of Nursing Yakima](#)
1401 W. Prasche Avenue, Yakima WA
Webinar Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/797554222812076803>
- Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: [PeaceHealth](#)
2901 Squalicum Parkway, Bellingham WA
Webinar Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5794848864705863171>
- Date:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: [Seattle Public Library - Capitol Hill Branch](#)
425 Harvard Avenue, Seattle WA
Webinar Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5389815169312343299>
- Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: [Mid-Columbia Libraries-Kennewick Branch](#)
1620 S Union Street
Kennewick WA
Webinar Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8671511031951697667>

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- Date:** Monday, June 20, 2016 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: [Washington Center for Nursing](#)
 1101 Andover Park West, Tukwila WA
 Webinar Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8154607526320260865>
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Substance Use Disorder

- Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2016 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: [Spokane Public Library - Downtown Branch](#)
 906 West Main Avenue, Spokane WA
 Webinar Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5612855501056522498>
- Date:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Location: [Vancouver Community Library](#)
 901 C Street, Vancouver WA
 Webinar Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2826859062418630657>
- Date:** Friday, June 17, 2016 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Location: [Washington State University College of Nursing Yakima](#)
 1401 W. Prasche Avenue, Yakima WA
 Webinar Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6142324225896348931>
- Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2016 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Location: [PeaceHealth](#)
 2901 Squalicum Parkway, Bellingham WA
 Webinar Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3604139016571500291>
- Date:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 **Time:** 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location: [Seattle Public Library - Capitol Hill Branch](#)
 425 Harvard Avenue, Seattle WA
 Webinar Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5389815169312343299>
- Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



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