Medical Assistant-Hemodialysis Technician Certification Application Packet

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Important Social Security Number Information:
You are required by state and federal law to provide a social security number with your application. If you do not have a social security number at the time you send in this application, please read, complete, and return this form with your application.
A U.S. Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or a Canadian Social Insurance Number (SIN) cannot be substituted.

In order to process your request:
Mail your application with initial documentation and your check or money order payable to:
Department of Health
P.O. Box 1099
Olympia, WA 98507-1099

Send other documents not sent with initial application to:
Medical Assistant Credentialing
P.O. Box 47877
Olympia, WA 98504-7877

Contact us:
360-236-4700
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Application Instructions Checklist

Important background check information: Washington State law authorizes the Department of Health to obtain fingerprint-based background checks for licensing purposes. This check may be through the Washington State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This may be required if you have lived in another state or if you have a criminal record in Washington State. This would be at your own expense.

All information should be printed clearly in blue or black ink. It is your responsibility to submit the required forms.

☐ Application Fee: (This fee is non-refundable). You can check the online fee page for current fees.

☐ Check if either apply:
  Request for Military Training and Experience Evaluation
  Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner of Military Personnel

☐ 1. Demographic Information:

Social Security Number: You must list your social security number on your application. Please call the Customer Service Center at 360-236-4700 if you do not have one.

National Provider Identifier Number (NPI): The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a standard unique identifier for health care professionals available from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The NPI is a 10 digit numeric identifier. If you have a NPI number, provide this on your application.

Legal Name: List your full name: first, middle, and last.

Definition of Legal Name: “Legal name” is the name appearing on your official certificate of birth or, if your name has changed since birth, on an official marriage certificate or an order by a court. The court must have legal authority to change your name. We may ask you to prove your legal name. If you use any name other than your legal name on this form, your application may be denied.

Birth date: Provide the month, day, and year you were born.

Address: List the address we should use to send any information about your certification. Be sure to include the city, state, zip code, county, and country. This will be your permanent address with Department of Health until we have been notified of a change, See WAC 246-12-310.

Phone, Fax and Cell Numbers: Enter your phone, fax and cell numbers, if you have them.

Email: Enter your email address, if you have one.

Other Name(s): Indicate whether you are known or have been known under any other names. If you have a name change, you must notify the Department of Health in writing. You must include proof of this change. See WAC 246-12-300.
2. Personal Data Questions:
All applicants must answer the same personal data questions. They are focused on your fitness to practice the essential skills of this profession.

If you answer “yes” to any questions in this section, you must provide an appropriate explanation. You must provide the documentation listed in the note after the questions. If you do not provide this, your application is incomplete and it will not be considered.

- Question 5 includes misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors and felonies. You do not have to answer yes if you have been cited for traffic infractions. You can obtain copies of court records through the county courthouse where the conviction, plea, deferred sentence, or suspended sentence was entered.
- If you have been granted certificate(s) of restoration of opportunity, please provide a certified copy of each certificate.
- Another jurisdiction means any other country, state, federal territory, or military authority.

3. Training and Education:
Select the training and education option that applies to you.

4. Experience:
List in date order your professional work experience and practice. Attach additional completed pages if you need more space.

5. Other License, Certification, or Registration:
List all states, including Washington, where credentials are or were held. Attach additional completed pages if you need more space. You must also print the Verification Form and provide it to each state or jurisdiction that you have listed, requesting that they complete and submit the form directly to the Department of Health.

6. Qualifications and Training Attestation:
You must meet the Qualification and Training Requirements. You must sign and date this as proof of completion.

7. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Attestation:
You must sign and date this as proof of completion of a CPR course.

8. Aids Education and Training Attestation:
Read the AIDS education and training attestation. AIDS training may include self-study, direct patient care, courses, or formal training. A minimum of seven hours is required. Course content can be found in WAC 246-12-270. If AIDS education was included in your professional education or training, an additional course is not required.

9. Applicant Attestation and Signature:
You must sign and date this for us to process the application.
For Spouses and Registered Domestic Partners of Military Personnel Being Transferred or Stationed in Washington:

Under state law, if you are the spouse or state-registered domestic partner of a servicemember of any branch of the U.S. Military, to include Guard or Reserve, and are applying for a health care professional credential in this state, you may be eligible to have the processing of your application expedited to receive your credential more quickly.

Documents to submit with your application should include the following:

- A copy of your spouse’s or registered domestic partner’s military transfer orders to Washington State.
- One of the following:
  - A copy of your marriage certificate to show proof of marriage; or
  - A copy of a state’s declaration or registration showing you are in a state registered domestic partnership with a member of the U.S. military.

For Current and Former Servicemembers Requesting Evaluation of Military Training and Experience

Under state law, your military education, training, and experience may count towards attaining certain civilian health care profession credentials in Washington State.

Submitted information will be reviewed by the Department of Health to determine substantial equivalency for meeting the credentialing requirements in this state.

Documents to submit with your health care professional credential application should include the following:

- If applicable, a copy of your DD214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, Member-4 or service 2 copy, or NGB-22 for National Guard.

  **Please note:**
  - A copy of your DD214 can be downloaded from the [EBenefits website](http://www.ewelfare.com).
  - You can request a replacement copy of your NGB-22 on the [National Archives website](http://www.archives.gov).
- Official Joint Service Transcript (JST) or Community College of the Air Force(CCAF) Transcripts.

  **Please note:**
  - JST can be sent electronically by visiting the [JST website](http://www.jst.mil) and selecting Washington State Department of Health.
  - CCAF transcripts cannot be sent electronically. See the [CCAF website](http://www.ccafsa.com) for transcript information.
- Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET) or DD Form 2586. See the [DoDTAP website](http://www.military.com).
- If applicable, application for the Evaluation of Learning Experiences During Military Service (DD Form 295). See the [Military Resources website](http://www.military.com).
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Credentialing Requirements

Thank you for applying to become a medical assistant-hemodialysis technician in Washington State. In order to qualify for certification you must complete the following.

☐ Complete and submit the application, with a original signature, date, and fee.
☐ Sign and date the application as proof of:
  • Completion of high school education or its equivalent.
  • The ability to read, write, and converse in the English language; and
  • Basic math skills including the use of fractions and decimal points.

Education and Training:

a. Successful completion of a hemodialysis training program:
  • Approved by the facility medical director and governing body;
  • Under the direction of a registered nurse;
  • Focused on the operation of kidney dialysis equipment and machines; and
  • Providing direct patient care, including patient sensitivity training and care of difficult patients;

OR

b. You have a national credential as a hemodialysis technician which is substantially equivalent to the hemodialysis training program. See WAC 246-827-0500(1)(c)(ii).

OR

c. Military training or experience satisfies the training or experience requirements unless the secretary determines that the military training or experience is not substantially equivalent to the standards of this state. Provide official transcripts showing proof of your education, training, and experience.

Experience:

List in date order your professional experience and practice from date of completion from your hemodialysis training program. Include the month/day/year. Attach additional completed pages if you need more space.

☐ Seven hours of AIDS education and training as required under WAC 246-827. Please sign and date this section as proof of completion.

☐ Current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) Certification. Please sign and date this section as proof of completion.

☐ Out-of-State Credential Verification form sent to each state where you hold or have held a credential. The state will complete its portion of the verification form and mail it directly back to Washington State.

Note: You may not practice as a medical assistant-hemodialysis technician without a valid credential.
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## Medical Assistant-Hemodialysis Technician Certification Application

Please print clearly. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit all supporting documentation. Failure to do so may result in a delay in processing your application.

### Select if either apply:
- ☐ Request for Military Training and Experience Evaluation
- ☐ Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner of Military Personnel

## 1. Demographic Information

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Mailing address if different from above address of record

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**Note:** The mailing and email addresses you provide will be your addresses of record. It is your responsibility to maintain current contact information on file with the department.

Have you ever been known under any other name(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, list name(s):

Will documents be received in another name? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, list name(s):
2. Personal Data Questions

1. Do you have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please attach explanation.

   “Medical Condition” includes physiological, mental or psychological conditions or disorders, such as, but not limited to orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, intellectual disabilities, emotional or mental illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction, and alcoholism.

   If you answered yes to question 1, explain:

   1a. How your treatment has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.

   1b. How your field of practice, the setting or manner of practice has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.

   Note: If you answered “yes” to question 1, the licensing authority will assess the nature, severity, and the duration of the risks associated with the ongoing medical condition and the ongoing treatment to determine whether your license should be restricted, conditions imposed, or no license issued.

2. Do you currently use chemical substance(s) in any way which impair or limit your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please explain.

   “Currently” means within the past two years.

   “Chemical substances” include alcohol, drugs, or medications, whether taken legally or illegally.

3. Have you ever been diagnosed with, or treated for, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism or frotteurism?

4. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances?

   “Currently” means within the past two years.

   Illegal use of controlled substances is the use of controlled substances (e.g., heroin, cocaine) not obtained legally or taken according to the directions of a licensed health care practitioner.

   Note: If you answer “yes” to any of the remaining questions, provide an explanation and certified copies of all judgments, decisions, orders, agreements and surrenders. The department does criminal background checks on all applicants.

5. Have you ever been convicted, entered a plea of guilty, no contest, or a similar plea, or had prosecution or a sentence deferred or suspended as an adult or juvenile in any state or jurisdiction?

   Note: If you answered “yes” to question 5, you must send certified copies of all court documents related to your criminal history with your application. If you do not provide the documents, your application is incomplete and will not be considered.

   If you have been granted certificate(s) of restoration of opportunity, please provide a certified copy of each certificate.

   To protect the public, the department considers criminal history. A criminal history may not automatically bar you from obtaining a credential. However, failure to report criminal history may result in extra cost to you and the application may be delayed or denied.
2. Personal Data Questions (Cont.)

6. Have you ever been found in any civil, administrative or criminal proceeding to have:
   a. Possessed, used, prescribed for use, or distributed controlled substances or legend drugs in any way other than for legitimate or therapeutic purposes? ☐ ☐
   b. Diverted controlled substances or legend drugs? ☐ ☐
   c. Violated any drug law? ☐ ☐
   d. Prescribed controlled substances for yourself? ☐ ☐

7. Have you ever been found in any proceeding to have violated any state or federal law or rule regulating the practice of a health care profession? If “yes”, please attach an explanation and provide copies of all judgments, decisions, and agreements? ☐ ☐

8. Have you ever had any license, certificate, registration or other privilege to practice a health care profession denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted by a state, federal, or foreign authority? ☐ ☐

9. Have you ever surrendered a credential like those listed in number 8, in connection with or to avoid action by a state, federal, or foreign authority? ☐ ☐

10. Have you ever been named in any civil suit or suffered any civil judgment for incompetence, negligence, or malpractice in connection with the practice of a health care profession? ☐ ☐

11. Have you ever been disqualified from working with vulnerable persons by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)? ☐ ☐

3. Training and Education

Select One:

☐ I certify that I have a national credential as a hemodialysis technician which is substantially equivalent to the hemodialysis training program described in WAC 246-827-0500(1)(c)(ii).

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☐ I am working towards obtaining my national credential as a hemodialysis technician.

Print the National Certification Attestation Form. Once you have obtained your national certification, return it by mail directly to the Department of Health.

☐ I have successfully completed a hemodialysis training program.

Print the Authorized Representative Attestation Form and provide it to the person who supervised, trained, or observed you, as a student, giving direct patient care in a dialysis facility. The person must be a medical doctor (MD), osteopathic doctor (DO), advanced registered nurse practitioner with prescriptive authority (ARNP), or registered nurse (RN) licensed in Washington State. Ask them to complete the form and return to the Department of Health.
### 4. Experience

List in date order your professional work experience and practice. Attach additional pages if you need more space.

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### 5. Other License, Certification, or Registration

List all states where you hold or have held a credential.

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### 6. Qualifications and Training Attestation

I certify I have completed each of the requirements below.

- Proof of a high school diploma or equivalent;
- The ability to read, write, and converse in the English language; and
- Basic math skills including the use of fractions and decimal points.

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### 7. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Attestation

I certify I have completed a cardiopulmonary resuscitation course.

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8. AIDS Education and Training Attestation

I certify I have completed the minimum of seven hours of education in the prevention, transmission and treatment of AIDS, which included the topics of etiology and epidemiology, testing and counseling, infection control guidelines, clinical manifestations and treatment, legal and ethical issues to include confidentiality, and psychosocial issues to include special population considerations.

I understand I must maintain records documenting said education for two years and be prepared to submit those records to the department if requested. **I understand that should I provide any false information, my license may be denied, or if issued, suspended or revoked.**

If AIDS education was included in your professional education or training, an additional course is not required.

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9. Applicant’s Attestation

I, ______________________________________________, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the following is true and correct:

- I am the person described and identified in this application.
- I have read **RCW 18.130.170** and **RCW 18.130.180** of the Uniform Disciplinary Act.
- I have answered all questions truthfully and completely.
- The documentation provided in support of my application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I have read all laws and rules related to my profession.

I understand the Department of Health may require more information before deciding on my application. The department may independently check conviction records with state or federal databases.

I authorize the release of any files or records the department requires to process this application. This includes information from all hospitals, educational or other organizations, my references, and past and present employers and business and professional associates. It also includes information from federal, state, local or foreign government agencies.

I understand that I must inform the department of any past, current or future criminal charges or convictions. I will also inform the department of any physical or mental conditions that jeopardize my ability to provide quality health care. If requested, I will authorize my health providers to release to the department information on my health, including mental health and any substance abuse treatment.

Dated _____________________________ at __________________________________________

(Original Signature of Applicant)
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RCW/WAC and Online Website Links

**RCW/WAC Links**

Uniform Disciplinary Act, RCW 18.130
Administrative Procedure Act, RCW 34.05
Medical Assistant Law, RCW 18.360
Medical Assistant Rules, WAC 246-827

**On-line**

AIDS Training Resources, Reference Page
Medical Assistant, Web Page

Get important information about your credential type by subscribing to email alerts.