

WAC 246-827-0400 Medical assistant-phlebotomist—Certification and training. An applicant applying for a medical assistant-phlebotomist credential must meet the following requirements:

(1) Successful completion of a phlebotomy program through a post-secondary school or college accredited by a regional or national accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education; or

(2) Currently hold a national phlebotomy certification from one of the following national examining organizations:

(a) American Certification Agency certification for phlebotomist;

(b) American Medical Certification Association certification for phlebotomist;

(c) American Medical Technologists certification for phlebotomist;

(d) American Society of Clinical Pathology certification for phlebotomist;

(e) National Center for Competency Testing certification for phlebotomist;

(f) National Healthcareer Association certification for phlebotomist; or

(3) Successful completion of a phlebotomy training program. The phlebotomy training program must be approved by a health care practitioner who is responsible for determining the content of the training and for ascertaining the proficiency of the trainee. The phlebotomy training program must include the following:

(a) Training to include evaluation and assessment of knowledge and skills to determine entry level competency in the following areas:

(i) Responsibilities to be delegated which include ethical implications and patient confidentiality;

(ii) Patient identification process;

(iii) Procedure requesting process, including forms used, accessing process, and collection patterns;

(iv) Materials to be used;

(v) Anatomic considerations for performing such functions as venipuncture, capillary finger collection, and heel sticks;

(vi) Procedural standards and techniques for blood collection;

(vii) Common terminology and practices such as medical classifications, standard diagnoses, test synonyms, background information on procedures, and interferences;

(viii) Physical layout of the work place, including patient care areas; and

(ix) Safety requirements including infection prevention and control, dealing with a client who has an infectious disease, and the handling and disposal of biohazardous materials.

(b) Direct visual supervision by a health care practitioner or a delegated and certified medical assistant-phlebotomist to the trainee to ensure competency in the following:

(i) Practice technique in a simulated situation;

(ii) Observe and perform procedures on patients until the trainee demonstrates proficiency to be certified at the minimum entry level of competency. The trainee must have adequate physical ability, including sufficient manual dexterity to perform the requisite health care services. The number of specific procedures may vary with the skill of the trainee.

(c) Documentation of all phlebotomy training, duties, and responsibilities of the trainee must be completed, signed by the supervising

health care practitioner and the trainee, and placed in the trainee's personnel file.

(d) Training programs that meet the requirements described in this subsection are approved by the secretary.

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