## Suicide Prevention Training

Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1424 modified the law enacted in 2014 (RCW 43.70.442) establishing suicide prevention training requirements for health care providers including licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, and advanced registered nurse practitioners. The law requires a one-time training course (at least six hours in length) in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. The law exempts certified registered nurse anesthetists.

The Washington State Department of Health developed rules establishing the <u>minimum standards for training</u> <u>programs</u>. Beginning July 1, 2017, nurses must take a training course from the Department of Health's approved list.

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission revised the continuing competency rules <u>WAC 246-840-220</u> to address the new requirements. A summary includes the following key points:

- Training will be accepted between June 12, 2014 and June 30, 2017, as long as it includes content about assessment, treatment, and management training may be from a program on the current model list or from other training programs with appropriate content;
- Beginning July 1, 2017, nurses must complete a suicide prevention training from the Department of Health's approved list of training programs.
- The six-hour training may be done in one or more sessions;
- Training is required during the nurse's next new three-year continuing competency cycle; for example, a nurse is in the middle of the three-year cycle. The new cycle starts on the nurse's birthday in 2017. The requirement for suicide prevention training would be at the end of that three-year cycle on the nurse's birthday in 2020;
- Training may count as part of the forty-five hours of continuing education required every three years; and
- Nurses will not need to send documentation of training unless selected for our continuing competency requirement random audits.

Rules - Minimum Standards for Suicide Training Programs
For questions or information about training program approval, contact:
SuicidePreventionPlan@doh.wa.gov or 360 236-2803

For questions, contact about suicide training requirements, contact the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission at NursingPracticeConsultation.NCQAC@doh.wa.gov or 360 236-4703

## References:

HB 2315 Concerning Suicide Prevention
HB 1424 Concerning suicide Prevention
Suicide Prevention Training for Health Professionals Model List

## **Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission**

## Suicide Prevention Training Timelines Requirements for Nurses

June 12, 2014

July 24, 2015

March 18, 2016

January 1, 2016

June 30, 2016

July 1, 2017

2019

2020

- House Bill 2315 requires a onetime training for six hours in suicide prevention assessment, treatment, and management
- Applies to licensed practical nurses (LPNs), registered nurses (RNs), and advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs)
- Training may be from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Model List or from other Sources

- House Bill 1424 changed the law: w
- · Requires a onetime training for six hours in suicide prevention, assessment, treatment, and management that must include content specific to Veterans and assessment issues related to imminent harm via lethal means or self-injurious behaviors
- Requires the DOH to develop rules establishing training courses minimum standards
- Requires the DOH to establish an approved list of training courses

- Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) established rules for LPNs, RNs, and ARNPs
- Applies to licensed practical nurses (LPNs), registered nurses (RNs), and ARNPs except certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs)
- Training may be from the DOH Model List or from other sources

 Nurses begin a full three-year continuing competency cycle • Requires adoption of rules to establish minimum training standards

- Training Course must come from the Washington State DOH approved list
- Applies to LPNs, RNs, and ARNPs (CRNAs are exempt)
- · Requires a onetime training for six hours in suciide prevention assessment. treatment, and management with content specific to Veterans and assessment issues related to imminent harm via letal mans or self-injurious behaviors
- Required for nurses completing their three year continuing competency cycle

- Nurses who began a new full continuing competency cycle in 2016 must meet the requirement
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