



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Education Subcommittee Agenda
March 7, 2022 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

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Committee Members:

Kim Tucker PhD, RN, CNE, Chair
Laurie Soine PhD, ARNP Member
Mabel Ezeonwu PhD, RN Member
Renee Hoeksel PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN Pro Tem
Jessica Dunn, BSN, MSN, RN, NE-BC Pro Tem
Julie Benson MHA, MN, RN, CNE Pro Tem
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Staff:

Gerianne Babbo, EdD, MN, RN, Director of Nursing Education
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Anthony Vaupel, NCQAC Attorney
Tim Talkington, NCQAC Attorney
Janell Sparks, Education Administrative Assistant

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I. 12:00 PM Opening – Kim Tucker Chair

Call to order

- Introduction
 - Public Disclosure Statement
 - Subcommittee Purpose
 - Roll Call
- Kim called the meeting at 12:01 PM. The Education Subcommittee members introduced themselves to the attendees.

II. Standing Agenda Items

- Announcements/Hot Topic/NCQAC Business Meeting Updates
- No announcements or updates.
- Review of Draft Minutes: None

III. Old Business

- None

IV. New Business

- Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Housekeeping/Non-substantive Change Requests
 1. **WAC 246-840-010(30)** Definition of “Nursing Technician” to align with statute (RCW 18.79.340).
 2. **WAC 246-840-840(1)** references the definition of nursing technician and cites to an incorrect subsection of the definitions section (cites to WAC 246-840-010(18) – the correct cite is 010(30)).
 3. Recommendation to NCQAC to commence expedited rule making for the above WAC changes pursuant to RCW 34.05.353(c) and (d)).
- The attendees and subcommittee reviewed the proposed language change to WAC 246-840-840(1). Laurie requested clarification on the rule implementation process. Bonnie King and Tim Talkington shared how this language change will be processed and implemented. The language was clear to the attendees. The recommendation will be sent to the approval panel at Friday’s business meeting in the form of a motion.

V. Ending Items

- Open Microphone (as time permits)

- Mindy Schaffner asked for clarification regarding the border schools in Washington. If students are in nursing school and participating in clinical rotations, are those students eligible to be nurse technicians?
- Tim suggested those schools and applications be reviewed on an individual basis to ensure the program meets the WACs and obligations.
- Mindy asked when review of the application is conducted; when a student starts or if personnel is given approval?
- Tim answered the nurse technician needs to submit an application, and the licensing unit forwards the application to the education unit if the student is enrolled in an out of state program.

- Review of Actions

- No actions to recap. Sending the WAC language motion to the commission at Friday's business meeting.

- Meeting Evaluation
- Date of Next Meeting – May 9, 2022
- Adjournment 12:40 PM

VI.