



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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**Agency:** Department of Health

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 14-14-065 ; or
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR ; or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR
- Continuance of WSR

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (Describe Subject)

WAC 246-916-060 Continuing education for athletic trainers - The proposed rule adds a section to chapter 246-916 WAC to establish continuing education requirements for athletic trainers.

**Hearing location(s):** Department of Health  
Town Center Two, Room 145  
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Date: 03/15/2016

Time: 9:30 a.m.

**Submit written comments to:**

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**Date of intended adoption:** 03/29/2016

(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**

Continuing education will help athletic trainers stay current on best practices for treatment, rehabilitation, and reconditioning of athletes and injured workers. Rules are needed to create enforceable requirements for continuing education. The rules establish continuing education hours and acceptable categories of continuing education.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Substitute House Bill (SHB) 2430 (Chapter 194, Laws of 2014) gave the secretary authority to establish continuing education requirements for athletic trainers. Continuing education for athletic trainers will ensure athletic trainers continue to add to their competence, knowledge, skills, and professional judgement.

**Statutory authority for adoption:**

RCW 18.250.020 and SHB 2430

**Statute being implemented:**

RCW 18.250.020

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

- Federal Law?  Yes  No
- Federal Court Decision?  Yes  No
- State Court Decision?  Yes  No

If yes, CITATION:

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
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**DATE: January 28, 2016**

**TIME: 10:18 AM**

**WSR 16-04-056**

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Secretary of Health

**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:**

None.

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization) Department of Health, Athletic Training Program

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**Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?**

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

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e-mail

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

A small business economic impact statement was not prepared. The proposed rule would not impose more than minor costs on businesses in the industry.

**Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?**

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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No: Please explain:

NEW SECTION

**WAC 246-916-060 Continuing education.** The goal of continuing education is to promote continued competence, development of current knowledge and skills, and enhancement of professional skills and judgment. Continuing education activities must focus on increasing knowledge, skills, and abilities related to the practice of athletic training.

(1) A licensed athletic trainer shall complete a minimum of fifty hours of continuing education every two years. At least ten of those hours must include evidence-based practice as outlined in subsection (3) of this section. The remaining hours may be in categories listed in subsection (4) of this section.

(2) A licensed athletic trainer may alternatively meet the requirement of fifty hours of continuing education if they hold a current certification from the board of certification for the athletic trainer (BOC). The required documentation is proof of certification during the two-year period.

(3) At least ten hours of evidence-based practice must be obtained during the two-year reporting period through any of the following activities:

(a) Complete BOC approved workshops, seminars, conferences, webinars, or home study courses. The required documentation for this activity is a certificate of completion.

(b) Graduate from a Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) accredited post-professional athletic training graduate program. A maximum of ten hours may be applied in the two-year period. The required documentation for this activity is an official transcript indicating graduation within the two-year period.

(c) Graduate from a PhD, EdD, DSc program if dissertation has a narrow focus of athletic training. A maximum of ten hours may be applied in the two-year period. The required documentation for this activity is an official transcript indicating graduation within the reporting period and a copy of the dissertation.

(d) Present a BOC approved evidence-based practice program. A maximum of ten hours per evidence-based practice topic may be applied in the two-year period. The required documentation for this activity is a letter of acknowledgment that includes the date, title, and intended audience from the conference coordinator.

(e) Complete a CAATE accredited athletic trainer residency or fellowship. A maximum of twenty hours per year may be applied in the two-year period. The required documentation for this activity is a letter from the residency or fellowship director.

(4) Remaining hours may be obtained through any of the following activities:

(a) BOC approved workshops, seminars, conferences, webinars, or home study courses. The required documentation for this activity is a certificate of completion.

(b) Professional activities.

(i) Speaker at a conference or seminar for health care providers. A maximum of ten hours may be applied per topic in the two-year period. The required documentation for this activity is a letter of acknowledgment that includes the date, title, and intended audience from the conference coordinator.

(ii) Panelist at a conference or seminar for health care providers. A maximum of five hours may be applied per topic in the two-year period. The required documentation for this activity is a letter of acknowledgment that includes the date, title, and intended audience from the conference coordinator.

(iii) Primary author of an article in a nonrefereed journal. A maximum of five hours may be applied per article in the two-year period. The required documentation for this activity is a copy of the article.

(iv) Author of an article in a refereed journal. A maximum of fifteen hours may be applied per article in the two-year period for primary authors. A maximum of ten hours may be applied per article in the two-year period for secondary authors. The required documentation for this activity is a copy of the article.

(v) Author of an abstract in a refereed journal. A maximum of ten hours may be applied per abstract in the two-year period for primary authors. A maximum of five hours may be applied per abstract in the two-year period for secondary authors. The required documentation for this activity is a copy of the abstract.

(vi) Author of a published textbook. A maximum of forty hours may be applied per book in the two-year reporting period for primary authors. A maximum of twenty hours may be applied per book in the two-year reporting period for secondary authors. The required documentation for this activity is a copy of the title page with the publication date.

(vii) Contributing author of a published textbook. A maximum of ten hours may be applied per book in the two-year period. The required documentation for this activity is a copy of the title page with the publication date and list of contributors.

(viii) Author of a peer-reviewed or refereed poster presentation. A maximum of ten hours may be applied per presentation in the two-year period for primary authors. A maximum of five hours may be applied per presentation in the two-year period for secondary authors. The required documentation for this activity is a letter of acknowledgment that includes the date and title of the presentation from the conference coordinator.

(ix) Primary author of published multimedia material, including CD, audio, or video. A maximum of ten hours may be applied per publication in the two-year period. The required documentation for this activity is a copy of the publication.

(x) Participating member of clinical research study team. A maximum of ten hours may be applied in the two-year period. The required documentation for this activity is a letter from the principal investigator or a copy of the institutional review board approval with investigators listed.

(xi) Primary author of a home study course. A maximum of ten hours may be applied per course in the two-year reporting period. The required documentation for this activity is a letter of approval.

(xii) Reviewer of a refereed publication. A maximum of five hours may be applied per review, with a limit of twenty hours applied per two-year period. The required documentation for this activity is a disposition letter.

(xiii) Exam item writer for BOC exam or other health care professional exams. A maximum of five hours may be applied per year of active item writing. The required documentation for this activity is a letter of acknowledgment from the exam company.

(c) Post certification college or university course work. A maximum of ten continuing education hours per credit hour may be applied during the two-year period. The required documentation for this activity is an official transcript from an accredited college or university.

(d) Activities by non-BOC approved providers.

(i) Workshops, seminars, conferences, webinars that are directly related to athletic training. The required documentation for this activity is verification of attendance.

(ii) Videos, DVDs, audiotapes, multimedia, webinars, home study courses. Each activity must have an examination. The required documentation for this activity is documentation verifying completion.

(5) A licensed athletic trainer shall comply with the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 7.