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Authority: RCW 18.50.060. WSR 99-03-064, § 246-834-
070, filed 1/18/99, effective 2/18/99. Statutory
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18.50.135. WSR 82-19-079 (Order PL 406), § 308-115-
070, filed 9/21/82.] Repealed by WSR 17-15-024,
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RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and
2014 c 187.

246-834-090 Purpose of accreditation of midwifery educational
programs. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and
18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-090,
filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory
Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121),
recodified as § 246-834-090, filed 12/27/90,
effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW
18.50.135. WSR 82-19-079 (Order PL 406), § 308-115-
090, filed 9/21/82.] Repealed by WSR 17-15-024,
filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority:
RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and
2014 c 187.

246-834-100 Philosophy, purpose and objectives of an accredited
midwifery educational program. [Statutory Authority:
RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified
as § 246-834-100, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91.

Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 82-19-079

(Order PL 406), § 308-115-100, filed 9/21/82.]

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18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-110 Advisory body. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040.

WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-

110, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory

Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 82-19-079 (Order PL

406), § 308-115-110, filed 9/21/82.] Repealed by WSR

17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory

Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050,

18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-120 Learning sites. [Statutory Authority: RCW

43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as

§ 246-834-120, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91.

Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 82-19-079

(Order PL 406), § 308-115-120, filed 9/21/82.]

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246-834-130 Staffing and teacher qualifications. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-130, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-130, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.045. WSR 86-16-012 (Order PM 608), § 308-115-130, filed 7/25/86. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 82-19-079 (Order PL 406), § 308-115-130, filed 9/21/82.]

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246-834-150 Students. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-150,

filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-150, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 85-23-044 (Order PL 566), § 308-115-150, filed 11/18/85; WSR 82-19-079 (Order PL 406), § 308-115-150, filed 9/21/82.] Repealed by WSR 17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-170 Reports to the department of health by accredited midwifery educational programs. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-834-170, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-170, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as

§ 246-834-170, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91.

Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 82-19-079

(Order PL 406), § 308-115-170, filed 9/21/82.]

Repealed by WSR 17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective

8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010,

18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-180 Application for accreditation. [Statutory

Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-

018 (Order 224), § 246-834-180, filed 12/23/91,

effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW

43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as

§ 246-834-180, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91.

Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.045. WSR 86-16-012

(Order PM 608), § 308-115-180, filed 7/25/86.

Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 82-19-079

(Order PL 406), § 308-115-180, filed 9/21/82.]

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8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010,
18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-190 School survey visits. [Statutory Authority: RCW
18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224),
§ 246-834-190, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92.
Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049
(Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-190, filed
12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority:
RCW 18.50.135. WSR 85-23-044 (Order PL 566), § 308-
115-190, filed 11/18/85; WSR 82-19-079 (Order PL
406), § 308-115-190, filed 9/21/82.] Repealed by WSR
17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory
Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050,
18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-200 Appeal of department of health decisions.
[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060,
§ 246-834-200, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.
Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135, 18.50.045 and

34.05.220. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-200,
filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory
Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121),
recodified as § 246-834-200, filed 12/27/90,
effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW

18.50.135. WSR 82-19-079 (Order PL 406), § 308-115-
200, filed 9/21/82.] Repealed by WSR 17-15-024,
filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority:
RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and
2014 c 187.

246-834-210 Closure of an accredited school of midwifery.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045.
WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-210, filed
12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority:
RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified
as § 246-834-210, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91.
Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 82-19-079
(Order PL 406), § 308-115-210, filed 9/21/82.]

Repealed by WSR 17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-220 Midwife-in-training program, credit toward educational requirements for licensure. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.065, 18.50.135, and 18.50.040. WSR 15-20-049, § 246-834-220, filed 9/30/15, effective 10/31/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-220, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-220, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.040(3) and 18.50.115. WSR 88-12-040 (Order PM 732), § 308-115-220, filed 5/27/88.] Repealed by WSR 17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-230 Midwife-in-training (MIT) program-Preceptor qualifications. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.065, 18.50.135, and 18.50.040. WSR 15-20-049, § 246-834-230, filed 9/30/15, effective 10/31/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-230, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-230, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.040(3) and 18.50.115. WSR 88-12-040 (Order PM 732), § 308-115-230, filed 5/27/88.] Repealed by WSR 17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-240 Trainee permit for midwife-in-training program. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.065, 18.50.135, and 18.50.040. WSR 15-20-049, § 246-834-240, filed

9/30/15, effective 10/31/15. Statutory Authority:
RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order
224), § 246-834-240, filed 12/23/91, effective
1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-
02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-240,
filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory
Authority: RCW 18.50.040(3) and 18.50.115. WSR 88-
12-040 (Order PM 732), § 308-115-240, filed
5/27/88.] Repealed by WSR 17-15-024, filed 7/7/17,
effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW
18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014
c 187.

246-834-260 General provisions. [Statutory Authority: RCW
43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-834-260, filed
2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW
18.50.135, 18.50.045, 18.130.050 and 18.130.070. WSR
92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-260, filed
12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority:

RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-260, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91.

Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-115-260, filed 6/30/89.]

Repealed by WSR 17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-270 Mandatory reporting. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-270, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91.

Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-115-270, filed 6/30/89.]

Repealed by WSR 17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-280 Health care institutions. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-280, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91.

Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092

(Order PM 842), § 308-115-280, filed 6/30/89.]

Repealed by WSR 17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective

8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010,

18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-290 Midwifery associations or societies. [Statutory

Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121),

recodified as § 246-834-290, filed 12/27/90,

effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW

18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-115-

290, filed 6/30/89.] Repealed by WSR 17-15-024,

filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority:

RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and

2014 c 187.

246-834-310 Health care service contractors and disability

insurance carriers. [Statutory Authority: RCW

43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as

§ 246-834-310, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91.

Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092

(Order PM 842), § 308-115-310, filed 6/30/89.]

Repealed by WSR 17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective

8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010,

18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-320 Professional liability carriers. [Statutory

Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121),

recodified as § 246-834-320, filed 12/27/90,

effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW

18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-115-

320, filed 6/30/89.] Repealed by WSR 17-15-024,

filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority:

RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and

2014 c 187.

246-834-330 Courts. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR

91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-330,

filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory

Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM

842), § 308-115-330, filed 6/30/89.] Repealed by WSR 17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-340 State and federal agencies. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-340, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-115-340, filed 6/30/89.] Repealed by WSR 17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187.

246-834-350 Cooperation with investigation. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135, 18.50.045, 18.130.050 and 18.130.070. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-350, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-350, filed 12/27/90,

effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW

18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-115-

350, filed 6/30/89.] Repealed by WSR 97-20-101,

filed 9/29/97, effective 10/30/97. Statutory

Authority: RCW 43.70.040.

246-834-500 AIDS prevention and information education

requirements. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135,

18.50.045 and 70.24.270. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224),

§ 246-834-500, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92.

Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049

(Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-500, filed

12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority:

RCW 70.24.270. WSR 88-22-077 (Order PM 786), § 308-

115-500, filed 11/2/88.] Repealed by WSR 98-05-060,

filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory

Authority: RCW 43.70.280.

WAC 246-834-010 Definitions. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Active practice" means ~~twenty~~20 hours per month in prenatal and postpartum clinical care, or minimum of six births annually as the primary midwife;

(2) "Department" means the Washington state department of health;

(3) "Directly assisted" means the act where a student midwife is learning the skills of a midwife through hands-on clinical experience in gradually increasing degrees of responsibility while under supervision of a licensed midwife or other obstetric provider;

(4) "Lactation care and services" means evaluation, problem identification, treatment, education, and consultation regarding lactation and ~~breast~~chest feeding to ~~gestational parents~~ mothers and neonates;

(5) "Nursing education" means completion of courses for credit in a school that is approved to train persons for licensure as registered nurses or licensed practical nurses, or

courses in other formal training programs which include instruction in basic nursing skills, excluding nursing assistant training;

(6) "Postpartum" means the 12-month period beginning on the last day of the pregnancy.

~~(67)~~ "Practical midwifery experience" means performance of tasks within the midwifery scope of practice, that is verified by affidavit, testimony or other sworn written documentation that verifies that the experience and its documentation is equivalent to that required of students enrolled in an accepted midwifery education program;

~~(78)~~ "Preceptor" means a licensed midwife or other obstetric practitioner licensed by their state or jurisdiction to provide maternity care who assumes responsibility for supervising the practical (clinical obstetric) experience of a student midwife;

~~(89)~~ "Primary attendant" means a student midwife who acts as primary midwife making intrapartum clinical decisions while under supervision of a licensed midwife or other obstetric provider;

~~(910)~~ "Secretary" means the secretary of the Washington state department of health;

~~(1011)~~ "Supervision" means the observation and evaluation of a student midwife's practical performance. A supervisor must be physically present on-site and available to intervene when a student midwife performs any clinical care task at births and prenatal and postpartum care exams.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-010, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-010, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-010, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 85-23-044 (Order PL 566), § 308-115-050, filed 11/18/85; WSR 82-19-079 (Order PL 406), § 308-115-050, filed 9/21/82.]

(Renumbered from 135) WAC 246-834-020 Secretary accredited midwifery programs. The secretary accepts midwifery education programs that meet the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) standards and competencies established in 2014 as accredited and approved courses of instruction.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-135, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17.]

(Renumbered from 140) WAC 246-834-030 Eligibility for state licensing examination. Candidates for the state licensing examination shall meet the following conditions, unless applying under WAC 246-834-066 Certified professional midwife (CPM) licensure requirements:

(1) Midwifery training shall be at least three academic years, and shall consist of both didactic and clinical instruction sufficient to meet the educational standards of the school and this section. However, the length of required training may be shortened, but not to less than two academic years, after consideration of the student's documented education and experience in the required subjects, if the applicant is a registered nurse or practical nurse licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW, or has had previous nursing education or practical midwifery experience.

(2) The applicant must receive instruction in the following educational areas:

(a) Midwifery, basic sciences (including biology, physiology, microbiology, anatomy with emphasis on reproductive anatomy, genetics and embryology), normal and abnormal obstetrics and gynecology, family planning techniques, childbirth education, nutrition both during pregnancy and lactation, lactation, chest feeding, neonatology, epidemiology, community care, and medicolegal aspects of midwifery; and

(b) Basic nursing skills and clinical skills including, but not limited to, vital signs, perineal prep, catheterization, aseptic techniques, administration of medications both orally and by injection, local infiltration for anesthesia, venipuncture, administration of intravenous fluids, infant and adult resuscitation, and charting.

(3) The applicant must undertake the care of not less than 100 individuals in the intrapartum period. No less than ~~fifteen~~ 15 of the 100 individuals must be cared for in the intrapartum period while the applicant was enrolled in the school from which the student graduates.

(a) The applicant shall submit to the department documentation of attendance at 100 births of which:

(i) At least 30 births where the applicant was the primary attendant under supervision of a qualified attendant;

(ii) At least 20 births where the applicant directly assisted;

(iii) At least 50 births that the applicant observed in addition to births counted in (d) (i) and (ii) of this subsection; and

(iv) Documentation for (a) (i) through (iii) of this subsection must include at least the date, client identifier, the applicants role at each birth, and the signature or initials of the qualified attendant at the birth of either: A licensed midwife, a CPM preceptor, a certified nurse midwife, or a practitioner licensed by their state or jurisdiction to provide maternity care. The applicant shall submit to the department the name and contact information of each signatory, if available. The department may approve exceptions to the required documentation in this subsection.

(b) The applicant shall submit to the department documentation of prenatal care examinations of 50 individuals

and early postpartum care examinations of 50 individuals. The same individuals need not be seen for both examinations.

(i) No less than 15 individuals must be cared for in the prenatal and postpartum periods while enrolled in the school from which the student graduates.

(ii) Documentation must include at least the date, client identifier, and the signature or initials of the qualified attendant at the care examination of either: A licensed midwife, a CPM preceptor, a certified nurse midwife, or a practitioner licensed by their state or jurisdiction to provide maternity care. The applicant must submit to the department the name and contact information of each signatory, if available. The department may approve exceptions to the required documentation in this subsection.

(4) The applicant shall demonstrate competency in the use and administration of legend drugs and devices described in WAC 246-834-250. The applicant shall submit documentation of competency to the department on a department supplied form. A licensed health care professional who, within the individual's scope of practice, is qualified in the use and administration of

legend drugs and devices described in RCW 18.50.115 and WAC 246-834-250 must sign the form.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-140, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-140, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-140, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 87-21-011 (Order PM 686), § 308-115-140, filed 10/9/87; WSR 85-23-044 (Order PL 566), § 308-115-140, filed 11/18/85; WSR 82-19-079 (Order PL 406), § 308-115-140, filed 9/21/82.]

WAC 246-834-050 Examination requirements for licensure as

a midwife. (1) An applicant for midwifery licensure shall successfully pass:

(a) The midwifery examination offered by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM);

(b) The Washington state licensure examination with a minimum passing score of 80 percent; and

(c) The midwifery jurisprudence examination with a passing score of 100 percent, as offered by the department.

(2) The secretary may, by rule, revise examination requirements if necessary, for good cause.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135, 18.50.115, 18.50.060, and 2020 c 76. WSR 22-13-079, § 246-834-050, filed 6/10/22, effective 7/11/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-050, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.060. WSR 99-03-064, § 246-834-050, filed 1/18/99, effective 2/18/99.]

(Renumbered from 080) WAC 246-834-055 Examination

failures. (1) An applicant who has failed the NARM examination or the Washington state licensing examination, or both, shall retake and pass the examination(s) which he or she failed.

(2) The applicant who fails the Washington state licensing examination may sit for the reexamination if he or she:

(a) Applies to the department at least ~~fourteen~~ 14 days prior to the next scheduled examination; and

(b) Pays the required fee as specified in WAC 246-834-990.

(3) An applicant who fails the ~~NARM or~~ Washington licensing examination three consecutive times shall submit evidence to the secretary of completion of an individualized program of study approved by the department prior to retaking the examination.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-080, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.060. WSR 99-03-064, § 246-834-080, filed 1/18/99, effective 2/18/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-080, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-080, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91.

WAC 246-834-060 Initial application requirements for licensure as a midwife. (1) An applicant for a midwife license shall submit to the department the following:

- (a) Initial application on forms provided by the department.
- (b) Fees required in WAC 246-834-990.
- (c) Proof of high school graduation, or its equivalent.
- (d) Proof of at least three years of midwifery training, per RCW 18.50.040 (2) (a), unless the applicant qualifies for a reduced academic period.
- (e) Proof of successful completion of the midwifery jurisprudence exam, as required in WAC 246-834-050.

(2) In addition to the requirements in subsection (1) of this section, an applicant for a midwife license shall also:

(a) Have transcripts sent directly to the department from the applicant's midwifery school demonstrating that the applicant has received a certificate or diploma in midwifery. An applicant applying under WAC 246-834-065 or 246-834-066 may be exempted from this requirement.

(b) Have verification of passing the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) examination as required in WAC 246-834-050. Results must be sent directly to the department from NARM.

(3) Once all application requirements in this section are met, and additional requirements in WAC 246-834-065 or 246-834-066 if applicable, the department will schedule the applicant for the Washington state licensing exam as required in WAC 246-834-050.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135, 18.50.115, 18.50.060, and 2020 c 76. WSR 22-13-079, § 246-834-060, filed 6/10/22, effective 7/11/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.115. WSR 19-15-005, § 246-834-060, filed 7/5/19, effective 8/5/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.065, 18.50.135, and

18.50.040. WSR 15-20-049, § 246-834-060, filed 9/30/15, effective 10/31/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.060. WSR 99-03-064, § 246-834-060, filed 1/18/99, effective 2/18/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-834-060, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-060, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-060, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 82-19-079 (Order PL 406), § 308-115-060, filed 9/21/82.]

WAC 246-834-062 Initial or reinstating application for individuals who have not been in the active practice of midwifery. This section applies to applicants for an initial license as a licensed midwife, or reinstatement of a midwifery license, who have not been in the active practice of midwifery prior to initial or reinstatement license application.

(1) Any applicant who has not been engaged in the active practice of midwifery for more than three years but less than five years prior to the date of application shall, in addition to the requirements for licensure as specified in WAC 246-834-030 and 246-834-060 ~~and 246-834-140~~:

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(a) Provide documentation of a minimum of ten births while acting as a birth assistant under the supervision of a preceptor within the last ~~twelve~~12 months; and

(b) Provide documentation of completion of continuing education for the three years prior to application that meets the requirements of WAC 246-834-355.

(2) Any initial or reinstating applicant who has not been engaged in the active practice of midwifery for five or more years prior to the date of application shall, in addition to the requirements for licensure as specified in WAC 246-834-030 and 246-834-060 ~~and 246-834-140~~:

(a) Provide documentation of a minimum of ~~fifteen~~15 births while acting as a birth assistant under the supervision of a preceptor within the last ~~twelve~~12 months;

(b) Provide documentation of completion of continuing education for the three years prior that meets the requirements of WAC 246-834-355; and

(c) If applying for reinstatement, retake and pass the current Washington state midwifery licensure examination.

(3) This section does not apply to any applicant who has been enrolled in a recognized educational program under WAC ~~246-834-135246-834-020~~ or 246-834-065.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-062, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17.]

WAC 246-834-065 Application for examination—Foreign trained. An applicant for a midwife license who graduated from a foreign educational institution on midwifery outside of any U.S. jurisdiction may sit for the licensing examination provided the applicant completes all requirements in this section:

(1) Complete application requirements for licensure in WAC 246-834-060;

(2) Provide proof of a certificate or diploma from a foreign institution on midwifery of equal requirements conferring the full right to practice midwifery in the country in which it was issued. The diploma must bear the seal of the institution from which the applicant graduated. If applicable, the candidates must, at ~~her or his~~the individuals own expense, present with the application a certified translation of the foreign certificate or diploma ~~made by and under the seal of the~~

~~consulate of the country in which the certificate or diploma was issued;~~

(3) Submit proof of completing at least three years of midwifery training including the study of basic nursing that meets the requirements under WAC ~~246-834-140~~246-834-030 (1);

(4) Submit proof of meeting minimum educational requirements under WAC ~~246-834-140~~246-834-030 (2) (a) and (b);

(5) Submit to the department documentation of attendance at ~~one hundred~~100 births that meets the requirements of WAC ~~246-834-140~~246-834-030 (3) (a);

(6) Submit to the department documentation of prenatal care examinations of ~~fifty-50 women individuals~~ and early postpartum care examinations of ~~fifty-50 women individuals~~ that meets the requirements of WAC ~~246-834-140~~246-834-030 (3) (b); and

(7) Demonstrate competency in the use and administration of legend drugs and devices described in RCW 18.50.115 and WAC 246-834-250. The applicant shall submit documentation of competency to the department on a department supplied form. A licensed health care professional who, within ~~his or her~~the individual's scope of practice, is qualified in the use and administration of

legend drugs and devices described in RCW 18.50.115 and WAC 246-834-250 must sign the form.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-065, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-834-065, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-065, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 89-16-037 (Order PM 856), § 308-115-065, filed 7/25/89, effective 8/25/89.]

WAC 246-834-066 Certified professional midwife (CPM)

licensure requirements. An applicant who holds a current North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) certified professional midwife (CPM) certification may apply for a Washington state midwife license by completing all requirements in this section.

(1) To be eligible for a midwife license an applicant holding a CPM shall:

(a) Complete all application requirements for licensure in WAC 246-834-060.

(b) Ensure that proof of the CPM certification is sent to the department directly from NARM.

(c) Submit to the department documentation of attendance at ~~one hundred~~100 births of which:

(i) At least ~~thirty~~30 births where the applicant was the primary attendant under supervision of a qualified attendant;

(ii) At least ~~twenty~~20 births where the applicant directly assisted;

(iii) At least ~~fifty~~50 births that the applicant observed in addition to births counted in (c)(i) and (ii) of this subsection; and

(iv) Documentation for (c)(i) through (iii) of this subsection must include at least the date, client identifier, the applicant's role at each birth, and the signature or initials of the qualified attendant at the birth of either: A licensed midwife, a CPM preceptor, a certified nurse midwife, or a practitioner licensed by their state or jurisdiction to provide maternity care. The applicant shall submit to the department the name and contact information of each signatory, if available. The department may approve exceptions to the required documentation in this subsection.

(d) Submit to the department documentation of prenatal care examinations of ~~fifty~~50 women individuals and early postpartum care examinations of ~~fifty~~50 women individuals. The same ~~women individuals~~ need not be seen for both examinations.

Documentation must include at least the date, client identifier, and the signature or initials of the qualified attendant at the care examination of either: A licensed midwife, a CPM preceptor, a certified nurse midwife, or a practitioner licensed by their state or jurisdiction to provide maternity care. The applicant must submit to the department the name and contact information of each signatory, if available. The department may approve exceptions to the required documentation in this subsection.

(e) Demonstrate competency in the use and administration of legend drugs and devices described in RCW 18.50.115 and WAC 246-834-250. The applicant shall submit documentation of competency to the department on a department supplied form. A licensed health care professional who, within ~~his or her~~the individual's scope of practice, is qualified to use and administer legend drugs and devices described in RCW 18.50.115 and WAC 246-834-250 must sign the form.

(f) Successfully complete courses on epidemiology and obstetric pharmacology from:

(i) An institution that is accredited by an agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and included in their database of institutions on programs accredited by recognized United States accrediting organizations;

(ii) An institution that is accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDOE) and included in their database of accredited postsecondary institutions and programs; or

(iii) A curriculum or program approved by the department.

(2) Applicants applying under this section who have a current CPM but do not meet all of the requirements listed in subsection (1)(c) through (f) of this section may apply to the department for a trainee permit under WAC 246-834-068. The trainee permit authorizes the applicant to complete subsection (1)(c) through (e) of this section, under the supervision of a preceptor as described in WAC 246-834-067.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.065, 18.50.135, and 18.50.040.
WSR 15-20-049, § 246-834-066, filed 9/30/15, effective
10/31/15.]

**WAC 246-834-067 Preceptor for certified professional
midwife (CPM) licensure program.** This section defines the role
of a preceptor as used in WAC 246-834-066. A certified
professional midwife (CPM) applicant for licensure as a midwife
may use more than one preceptor to meet the requirements for
licensure under WAC 246-834-066.

(1) A preceptor for clinical requirements including
observed, managed, and assisted births, and prenatal and
postpartum examinations must:

(a) Have a current Washington state license as a midwife
under chapter 18.50 RCW, physician under chapter 18.71 RCW,
osteopathic physician under chapter 18.57 RCW, or certified
nurse midwife under chapter 18.79 RCW; and

(b) Have actively practiced obstetrics for at least three
consecutive years or attended at least ~~one hundred fifty~~150
births.

(2) A preceptor for legend drugs and devices must have a
current Washington state credential and be, within ~~his or her~~the

individual's scope of practice, qualified to use and administer legend drugs and devices described in RCW 18.50.115 and WAC 246-834-250.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.065, 18.50.135, and 18.50.040. WSR 15-20-049, § 246-834-067, filed 9/30/15, effective 10/31/15.]

WAC 246-834-068 Trainee permit for certified professional midwife (CPM) licensure program. (1) The department may issue a trainee permit to a certified professional midwife (CPM) who has submitted an initial application to the department accompanied by a nonrefundable fee as specified in WAC 246-834-990.

(2) The CPM trainee permit authorizes the CPM to complete the licensure requirements outlined in WAC 246-834-066 (1) (c) through (e).

(3) A CPM trainee permit expires one year from the date of issuance. The department may extend the permit upon request to accommodate extenuating circumstances.

(4) The department may deny, modify or revoke a CPM trainee permit at any time if the department determines that patient safety, health or welfare may be in jeopardy or the trainee fails to comply with the requirements of this section.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.065, 18.50.135, and 18.50.040.
WSR 15-20-049, § 246-834-068, filed 9/30/15, effective
10/31/15.]

~~WAC 246-834-080 Examination failures. (1) An applicant who has failed the NARM examination or the Washington state licensing examination, or both, shall retake and pass the examination(s) which he or she failed.~~

~~(2) The applicant who fails the Washington state licensing examination may sit for the reexamination if he or she:~~

~~(a) Applies to the department at least fourteen days prior to the next scheduled examination; and~~

~~(b) Pays the required fee as specified in WAC 246-834-990.~~

~~(3) An applicant who fails the NARM or Washington licensing examination three consecutive times shall submit evidence to the secretary of completion of an individualized program of study approved by the department prior to retaking the examination.~~

~~[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-080, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.060. WSR 99-03-064, § 246-834-080, filed 1/18/99, effective 2/18/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-080, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92.~~

~~Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121),
recodified as § 246-834-080, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91.~~

Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 82-19-079 (Order PL
406), § 308-115-080, filed 9/21/82.]

~~**WAC 246-834-135 Secretary accredited midwifery programs.**~~

~~The secretary accepts midwifery education programs that meet the
Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) standards and
competencies established in 2014 as accredited and approved
courses of instruction.~~

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050,
18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-135, filed
7/7/17, effective 8/7/17.]

~~**WAC 246-834-140 Eligibility for state licensing**~~

~~**examination.** Candidates for the state licensing examination
shall meet the following conditions, unless applying under WAC
246-834-066 Certified professional midwife (CPM) licensure
requirements:~~

~~(1) Midwifery training shall be at least three academic
years, and shall consist of both didactic and clinical
instruction sufficient to meet the educational standards of the
school and this section. However, the length of required
training may be shortened, but not to less than two academic~~

~~years, after consideration of the student's documented education and experience in the required subjects, if the applicant is a registered nurse or practical nurse licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW, or has had previous nursing education or practical midwifery experience.~~

~~(2) The applicant must receive instruction in the following educational areas:~~

~~(a) Basic sciences (including biology, physiology, microbiology, anatomy with emphasis on female reproductive anatomy, genetics and embryology), normal and abnormal obstetrics and gynecology, family planning techniques, childbirth education, nutrition both during pregnancy and lactation, breast feeding, neonatology, epidemiology, community care, and medicolegal aspects of midwifery; and~~

~~(b) Basic nursing skills and clinical skills including, but not limited to, vital signs, perineal prep, catheterization, aseptic techniques, administration of medications both orally and by injection, local infiltration for anesthesia, venipuncture, administration of intravenous fluids, infant and adult resuscitation, and charting.~~

~~(3) The applicant must undertake the care of not less than one hundred women in the intrapartum period. No less than fifteen of the one hundred women must be cared for in the intrapartum period while the applicant was enrolled in the school from which the student graduates.~~

~~(a) The applicant shall submit to the department documentation of attendance at one hundred births of which:~~

~~(i) At least thirty births where the applicant was the primary attendant under supervision of a qualified attendant;~~

~~(ii) At least twenty births where the applicant directly assisted;~~

~~(iii) At least fifty births that the applicant observed in addition to births counted in (d) (i) and (ii) of this subsection; and~~

~~(iv) Documentation for (a) (i) through (iii) of this subsection must include at least the date, client identifier, the applicants role at each birth, and the signature or initials of the qualified attendant at the birth of either: A licensed midwife, a CPM preceptor, a certified nurse midwife, or a practitioner licensed by their state or jurisdiction to provide~~

~~maternity care. The applicant shall submit to the department the name and contact information of each signatory, if available. The department may approve exceptions to the required documentation in this subsection.~~

~~(b) The applicant shall submit to the department documentation of prenatal care examinations of fifty women and early postpartum care examinations of fifty women. The same women need not be seen for both examinations.~~

~~(i) No less than fifteen women must be cared for in the prenatal and postpartum periods while enrolled in the school from which the student graduates.~~

~~(ii) Documentation must include at least the date, client identifier, and the signature or initials of the qualified attendant at the care examination of either: A licensed midwife, a CPM preceptor, a certified nurse midwife, or a practitioner licensed by their state or jurisdiction to provide maternity care. The applicant must submit to the department the name and contact information of each signatory, if available. The department may approve exceptions to the required documentation in this subsection.~~

~~(4) The applicant shall demonstrate competency in the use and administration of legend drugs and devices described in WAC 246-834-250. The applicant shall submit documentation of competency to the department on a department supplied form. A licensed health care professional who, within his or her scope of practice, is qualified in the use and administration of legend drugs and devices described in RCW 18.50.115 and WAC 246-834-250 must sign the form.~~

~~[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-140, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-140, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-140, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 87-21-011 (Order PM 686), § 308-115-140, filed 10/9/87; WSR 85-23-044 (Order PL 566), § 308-115-140, filed 11/18/85; WSR 82-19-079 (Order PL 406), § 308-115-140, filed 9/21/82.]~~

WAC 246-834-160 Student midwife permit. (1) A student midwife permit may be issued to any individual who has:

(a) Successfully completed an accredited midwifery program as specified in WAC ~~246-834-135~~246-834-020, or is foreign trained as specified in WAC 246-834-065(1);

(b) Obtained a minimum period of midwifery training of at least three academic years as required by WAC ~~246-834-140~~246-834-030;

(c) Met the minimum education requirements required in WAC ~~246-834-140~~246-834-030 (2) (a) and (b);

(d) Documentation of undertaking the care of not less than 50 ~~women~~individuals in each of the prenatal, intrapartum and early postpartum periods as required by RCW 18.50.040 (2) (c);

(e) Satisfactorily completed the NARM examination required by WAC 246-834-050; and

(f) Filed a completed application for student midwife permit under WAC 246-834-060 and accompanied by a nonrefundable fee as specified in WAC 246-834-990.

(2) The student midwife permit authorizes the ~~individuals~~student to practice and observe ~~women~~individuals in the intrapartum period under the supervision of a licensed midwife under 18.50 RCW, an allopathic physician under chapter 18.71

RCW, an osteopathic physician under chapter 18.57 RCW or certified nurse midwife under chapter 18.79 RCW.

(3) Once all application requirements including clinical components are completed the applicant may be eligible to sit for the Washington state licensure examination as required in WAC 246-834-050.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135, 18.50.115, 18.50.060, and 2020 c 76. WSR 22-13-079, § 246-834-160, filed 6/10/22, effective 7/11/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-160, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.045. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-834-160, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-160, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 82-19-079 (Order PL 406), § 308-115-160, filed 9/21/82.]

NEW SECTION

WAC 246-834-165 Application requirements for individuals seeking a limited prescriptive license extension or a medical devices and implants license extension, or both.

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(1) Licensed midwives seeking a limited prescriptive license extension shall:

(a) Submit evidence of completion of 15 additional obstetrical pharmacology didactic training hours. The additional hours must include the prescription classifications listed in WAC 246-834-250(4) and provide skills and knowledge beyond entry-level skills or knowledge in antibiotics and contraceptives; and

(b) Submit evidence of completion of additional training on family planning and treating common prenatal and postpartum conditions. Such training must be either:

i. A clinical experience of at least 20 cases reviewed in consultation with a licensed health care professional who, within their scope of practice, is qualified to use and administer legend drugs and devices described in RCW 18.50.115 and WAC 246-834-250. The licensed health care professional must attest to the applicant's knowledge and skills by signing a form provided by the department; or

ii. A clinical training course or courses approved by the department.

(2) Licensed midwives seeking an additional license extension that includes medical devices and implants, shall:

- (a) Submit completion of the requirements in subsection (1) above;
- (b) Submit evidence of completion of at least three simulated procedures under direct supervision;
- (c) Submit evidence of completion of training as required by the device manufacturers, or an equivalent; and
- (d) Submit evidence of completion of additional training on medical devices and implants. Such training must be either:

- i. A clinical observation experience of at least 3 inserted IUDs and 1 implant by a licensed health care professional who, within their scope of practice, is qualified to administer medical devices and implants. The healthcare professional must attest to the applicants knowledge by signing a form provided by the department; or
- ii. A clinical training course or courses approved by the department.

(3) The license extensions referenced in this section do not apply to newborn care.

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WAC 246-834-250 Legend drugs and devices. A licensed midwife shall have a procedure, policy or guideline for the use

of each legend drug and device. A midwife may not administer or
prescribe a legend drug or use a legend device for which they
are not qualified by education, training, and experience.

(1) A licensed midwife may purchase and use legend drugs
and devices as follows:

(a) Dopplers, syringes, needles, phlebotomy equipment,
sutures, urinary catheters, intravenous equipment, amnihooks,
airway suction devices, electronic fetal monitors,
tocodynamometer monitors, oxygen and associated equipment,
glucose monitoring systems and testing strips, neonatal pulse
oximetry equipment, hearing screening equipment, centrifuges,
and nasopharyngeal or nasal swabs for appropriate testing;

(b) Nitrous oxide as an analgesic, self-administered
inhalant in a 50 percent blend with oxygen, and associated
equipment, including a scavenging system;

(c) Ultrasound machine used in the real time ultrasound of
pregnant uterus for the confirmation of viability, first
trimester dating, third trimester presentation, placental
location, and amniotic fluid assessment; and

(d) Neonatal and adult resuscitation equipment and medication, including airway devices and epinephrine for neonates.

(2) Pharmacies may issue the following as ordered by midwives: breast- lactation pumps, compression stockings and belts, maternity belts, diaphragms and cervical caps, glucometers and testing strips, iron supplements, prenatal vitamins, and recommended vaccines as specified in subsection (3)(e) through (j) of this section ~~ordered by licensed midwives~~.

(3) In addition to prophylactic ophthalmic medication, postpartum oxytocic, vitamin K, Rho (D) immune globulin, and local anesthetic medications as listed in RCW 18.50.115, licensed midwives may obtain and administer the following medications:

(a) Intravenous fluids limited to Lactated Ringers, 5% Dextrose with Lactated Ringers, and 0.9% sodium chloride;

(b) Sterile water for intradermal injections for pain relief;

(c) Magnesium sulfate for prevention or treatment of ~~maternal~~ peripartum seizures pending transport;

(d) Epinephrine for use in ~~maternal- peripartum~~ anaphylaxis and resuscitation and neonatal resuscitation, pending transport;

(e) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine to nonimmune postpartum ~~women~~ individuals;

(f) Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine for use in pregnancy;

(g) Hepatitis B (HBV) birth dose for any newborn administration;

(h) HBIG and HBV for any neonates born to a hepatitis B+ ~~mother~~gestational parent;

(i) Influenza vaccine for use in pregnancy;

(j) Any vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advisory committee on immunization practices for pregnant or postpartum people or infants in the first two weeks after birth, ~~as it existed on the effective date of this section~~;

(k) Terbutaline to temporarily decrease contractions pending emergent intrapartum transport;

(l) Antibiotics for intrapartum prophylaxis of Group B beta hemolytic Streptococcus (GBS) per current CDC guidelines; and

(m) Antihemorrhagic drugs to control postpartum hemorrhage including, but not limited to, intravenous tranexamic acid, oxytocin, misoprostol, methylergonovine maleate (oral or intramuscular), and prostaglandin F2 alpha.

(4) A licensed midwife with a limited prescriptive license extension may prescribe, obtain, and administer the items in subsection (2) of this section, and the following medications and therapies for the prevention and treatment of conditions that do not constitute a significant deviation from normal during pregnancy or postpartum based on current evidence and practice:

(a) Antibiotics;

(b) Antiemetics;

(c) Antivirals;

(d) Antifungals;

(e) Low-potency topical steroids;

(f) Antipruritic medications and therapies and;

(g) Other medications and therapies including but not limited to galactagogues; topical analgesia for anal, vulvar, and perineal pain; preterm labor preventatives; stool softeners;

vitamins and minerals for preventing and treating deficiencies;
over-the-counter medications as needed; non-opioid medication
for therapeutic rest; medications for SAB prevention and
completion; smoking cessation; prescription referrals for IV
Iron infusions; and

(h) Hormonal and nonhormonal family planning methods.

(5) A licensed midwife with a license extension that
includes medical devices and implants may prescribe, obtain, and
administer hormonal and nonhormonal family planning method
devices including but not limited to copper or other non-
hormonal intrauterine devices (IUD), IUDs with levonorgestrel or
other progestin, implants or as consistent with current evidence
and practice.

(46) The client's records must contain documentation of all
medications and devices prescribed, ordered, and administered.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135, 18.50.115, 18.50.060, and
2020 c 76. WSR 22-13-079, § 246-834-250, filed 6/10/22,
effective 7/11/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and
18.50.115. WSR 19-15-005, § 246-834-250, filed 7/5/19, effective
8/5/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.115. WSR 05-06-118, §
246-834-250, filed 3/2/05, effective 4/2/05. Statutory
Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified

as § 246-834-250, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.040(3) and 18.50.115. WSR 88-12-040 (Order PM 732), § 308-115-250, filed 5/27/88.]

WAC 246-834-255 Elements of care for the newborn. The customary scope of care of a newborn up to two weeks of age by a licensed midwife includes, but is not limited to, clinical assessment, treatment, education, support and referral as described in this section. Newborn care shall not go beyond the scope of the midwife's education, training and experience.

(1) Immediate newborn care includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Appearance, pulse, grimace, activity and respiration (APGAR) assessment;

(b) Stabilization and monitoring of the newborn for a minimum of two hours postpartum;

(c) Early initiation and facilitation of ~~breast~~-chest or bottle feeding;

(d) Complete physical examination;

(e) Education for parents regarding care and monitoring of the normal newborn; and

(f) Physician consultation, referral and/or transfer of care in the event of significant deviations from normal.

(2) Other support may include:

(a) Neonatal resuscitation; and

(b) Legend drugs and devices allowed in RCW 18.50.115 and WAC 246-834-250.

(3) Subsequent care may include, but is not limited to:

(a) Evaluating the newborn for well-being such as jaundice, weight loss, and adequate feeding and elimination patterns;

(b) Newborn metabolic screening per RCW 70.83.020;

(c) Critical congenital heart disease screening per RCW 70.83.090;

(d) Lactation care and services; and

(e) Consultation and/or referral to pediatric care for any significant deviation from normal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-255, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17.]

WAC 246-834-345 License renewal. A licensed midwife must renew their license every year on ~~his or her~~the individual's

birthday. To renew a license, a licensed midwife shall comply with the requirements in:

(1) RCW 18.50.102 License renewal;

(2) RCW 18.50.108 Written plan for consultation, emergency transfer, and transport;

(3) WAC 246-12-030 How to renew a credential;

(4) WAC 246-834-355 Continuing education;

(5) WAC 246-834-360 Quality improvement program;

(6) WAC 246-834-370 Data submission; and

(7) WAC 246-834-990 Midwifery fees and renewal cycle.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.102 and 18.50.135. WSR 15-24-092, § 246-834-345, filed 11/30/15, effective 12/31/15.]

WAC 246-834-355 Continuing education. (1) A licensed midwife shall complete ~~thirty~~ 30 hours of continuing education (CE) every three years and must comply with chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 7. CE course work must contribute to the professional knowledge and development of the licensed midwife.

(a) ~~(a)~~ A minimum of ~~twenty-five~~ 25 hours must be directly related to the clinical practice of midwifery. A licensed midwife who has a license extension shall

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complete a minimum of three hours of CE relevant to the license extension or extensions they hold as part of the 25 hour requirement.

(b) In addition to the 25 hours of clinical practice CE in sub-section (1)(a) of this section, a licensed midwife shall complete two hours of health equity CE every four years per chapter 43.70 RCW and in compliance with WAC 246-12-830.

(c) Any remaining hours may be in professional development activities that enhance the practice of the licensed midwife.

(2) A licensed midwife shall obtain CE hours through one or more of the categories listed below. Documentation for all activities must include licensee's name, date of activity, and number of hours. Additional specific documentation is defined below:

(a) Acceptable CE course work. A minimum of ten hours is required per reporting period in acceptable CE course work. For the purposes of this section, acceptable CE course work means

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courses offered or authorized by industry recognized local, state, private, national and international organizations, agencies or institutions of higher learning. The department will not authorize or approve specific CE courses. The required documentation for this category is a certificate or documentation of attendance.

(b) Course work or classes offered by an accredited college or university. The course work must provide skills and knowledge beyond entry-level skills. The required documentation for this category is a transcript or documentation of attendance. A maximum of ten hours is allowed per reporting period for this category.

(c) Research, writing, or teaching. The required documentation for this category is a two page synopsis for each activity written by the licensee. A maximum of ~~fifteen~~15 hours is allowed per reporting period for this category.

(d) Documented self-study or life experience. The required documentation for this category is a two page synopsis of each activity written by the licensee. A maximum of five hours is allowed per reporting period for this category.

(e) Serving on a professional board, committee, disciplinary panel, or association. The required documentation for this category is a letter or other documentation from the organization. A maximum of five hours is allowed per reporting period for this category.

(f) Professional manuscript review. The required documentation for this category is a letter from the publishing organization verifying review of the manuscript. A maximum of ten hours is allowed per reporting period for this category.

(g) Professional conference or workshop. The required documentation for this category is a certificate or documentation of attendance. A maximum of ten hours is allowed per reporting period for this category.

(3) Continuing education credit will not be given for the following:

- (a) A cardiopulmonary resuscitation course;
- (b) A neonatal resuscitation course; or
- (c) Participation in data submission on perinatal outcomes.
- (4) Verification of completion of continuing competency

hours will begin on January 1, 2019.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.102 and 18.50.135. WSR 15-24-092, § 246-834-355, filed 11/30/15, effective 12/31/15.]

WAC 246-834-360 Quality improvement program. (1) As a condition of renewing a license, a licensed midwife shall:

(a) Participate in a Washington state coordinated quality improvement program peer review process that complies with the requirements in RCW 43.70.510.

(b) Attest every two years that the midwife has completed peer review for a minimum of five of the midwife's clinical cases over the course of those two years.

(2) A midwife may be excused from or granted an extension of participation in a peer review process due to illness or other extenuating circumstances. The department, upon request, will determine if the requirements may be waived or if an extension may be granted.

(3) For auditing purposes, written confirmation of participation in a peer review process from the approved coordinated quality improvement program shall suffice. The midwife must keep ~~her/his~~their participation records; records must not be sent to the department.

(4) Verification of completion of participation in a peer review process will begin on January 1, 2018.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.102 and 18.50.135. WSR 15-24-092, § 246-834-360, filed 11/30/15, effective 12/31/15.]

WAC 246-834-370 Data submission. (1) As a condition of renewing a license, a licensed midwife shall report data on all courses of care for every ~~mother~~ gestational parent and newborn under the midwife's care to a national or state research organization approved by the department. If the ~~mother~~ gestational parent declines to participate in the collection of data, the midwife shall follow the protocol of the approved national or state research organization.

(2) The licensed midwife shall verify compliance by submitting an attestation to the department annually with the license renewal. For good cause, the secretary may waive reporting requirements.

(3) For auditing purposes, written confirmation of full participation in data collection from the approved state or national research organization shall suffice.

(4) The midwife must keep ~~her/his~~their data and participation records; data and participation records will not be submitted directly to the department.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135, 18.50.115, 18.50.060, and 2020 c 76. WSR 22-13-079, § 246-834-370, filed 6/10/22, effective 7/11/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.102 and 18.50.135. WSR 15-24-092, § 246-834-370, filed 11/30/15, effective 12/31/15.]

WAC 246-834-400 Expired license. (1) If a midwife's license under this chapter has been expired for less than three years, to reinstate the license the practitioner shall meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(2) If a midwife's license under this chapter has expired and the practitioner has been engaged in the active practice of midwifery in another United States jurisdiction or territory, or other location approved by the department, to reinstate the license the practitioner shall:

- (a) Submit verification of active practice; and
- (b) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(3) If a midwife's license under this chapter has been expired for three years or more but less than five years at time

of application, and the practitioner has not been actively engaged in midwifery, the practitioner shall:

(a) Work as a birth assistant under the supervision of a department-approved preceptor for a minimum of ten births; and

(b) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(4) If a midwife's license under this chapter has been expired for more than five years at time of application, and the practitioner has not been actively engaged in midwifery, the practitioner shall:

(a) Work as a birth assistant under the supervision of a department-approved preceptor for a minimum of ~~fifteen~~15 births;

(b) Retake and successfully pass the Washington state licensing examination; and

(c) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(5) A proposed preceptor shall:

(a) Hold an active license without restriction, current discipline, or conditions as a midwife under chapter 18.50 RCW, a certified nurse midwife under chapter 18.79 RCW, an allopathic

physician under chapter 18.71 RCW, or an osteopathic physician under chapter 18.57 RCW;

(b) Have actively practiced at least three consecutive years or attended at least one hundred fifty births; and

(c) Have demonstrated ability and skill to provide safe, quality care.

(6) If a midwife's license extension under this chapter has expired and the practitioner has been engaged in the active practice of midwifery prescriptive or medical devices and implant practice in another United States jurisdiction or territory, or other location approved by the department, to reinstate the license the practitioner shall:

(a) Submit verification of active practice; and

(b) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(7) If a midwife's license extension under this chapter has been expired for three years or more at the time of application, and the practitioner has not been actively engaged in midwifery prescriptive or medical devices and implant practice, the practitioner shall retake the required training in WAC 246-834-165.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.115. WSR 19-15-005, § 246-834-400, filed 7/5/19, effective 8/5/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-400, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-834-400, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

WAC 246-834-450 Inactive license. (1) A licensed midwife may obtain an inactive license by meeting the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(2) An inactive license must be renewed every year on the midwife's birthday according to WAC 246-12-100 and by paying the fee required under WAC 246-834-990.

(3) A midwife with an inactive license may return to active status.

(a) A midwife with an inactive license for three years or less who wishes to return to active status must meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(b) A midwife with an inactive license for more than three years, who has been in active practice in another United States jurisdiction or territory or other location approved by the department and wishes to return to active status must:

(i) Submit verification of active practice; and

(ii) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(c) A midwife with an inactive license for more than three years but less than five, who has not been in active practice and wishes to return to active status must:

(i) Work as a birth assistant under the supervision of a department-approved preceptor for a minimum of ten births; and

(ii) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(d) A midwife with an inactive license for more than five years who has not been in active practice and wishes to return to active status must:

(i) Work as a birth assistant under the supervision of a department-approved preceptor for a minimum of ~~fifteen~~15 births;

(ii) Retake and successfully pass the Washington state licensing examination; and

(iii) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(4) A proposed preceptor shall:

(a) Hold an active license without restriction, current discipline, or conditions as a midwife under chapter 18.50 RCW,

a certified nurse midwife under chapter 18.79 RCW, an allopathic physician under chapter 18.71 RCW, or an osteopathic physician under chapter 18.57 RCW;

(b) Have actively practiced at least three consecutive years or attended at least one hundred fifty births; and

(c) Have demonstrated ability and skill to provide safe, quality care.

(5) A licensed midwife with a license extension that is inactive and the practitioner has been engaged in the active practice of midwifery prescriptive or medical devices and implant practice in another United States jurisdiction or territory, or other location approved by the department, to reinstate the license the practitioner shall:

(a) Submit verification of active practice; and

(b) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(6) A licensed midwife with a license extension that is inactive for three years or more at the time of application, and the practitioner has not been actively engaged in midwifery prescriptive or medical devices and implant practice, the

practitioner shall retake the required training in WAC 246-834-165.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135 and 18.50.115. WSR 19-15-005, § 246-834-450, filed 7/5/19, effective 8/5/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-450, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17.]

WAC 246-834-990 Midwifery fees and renewal cycle. (1)

Licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(2) The following fees are nonrefundable:

Title of Fee	Fee
Initial application	\$525.00
State examination (initial/retake)	155.00
Renewal	525.00
Late renewal penalty	265.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00
Expired license reissuance	300.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Student midwife permit	175.00
Inactive credential	250.00

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. WSR 18-04-109, § 246-834-990, filed 2/6/18, effective 6/1/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.010, 18.50.040, 18.50.050, 18.50.135, and 2014 c 187. WSR 17-15-024, § 246-834-990, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.110 (3)(c) and

43.70.250. WSR 12-19-088, § 246-834-990, filed 9/18/12, effective 11/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.110 and 43.70.112. WSR 11-19-098, § 246-834-990, filed 9/20/11, effective 1/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.110, 43.70.250, and 2010 c 37. WSR 10-19-071, § 246-834-990, filed 9/16/10, effective 10/15/10. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 372, RCW 43.70.250 and 18.50.135. WSR 06-13-012, § 246-834-990, filed 6/9/06, effective 7/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.250, [43.70.]280 and 43.70.110. WSR 05-12-012, § 246-834-990, filed 5/20/05, effective 7/1/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.250 and 18.50.135. WSR 04-22-113, § 246-834-990, filed 11/3/04, effective 2/17/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.250, 2001 2nd sp.s. c 7 and RCW 18.50.102. WSR 01-23-101, § 246-834-990, filed 11/21/01, effective 1/21/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.102 and 43.70.250. WSR 98-11-069, § 246-834-990, filed 5/19/98, effective 7/13/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.250. WSR 91-13-002 (Order 173), § 246-834-990, filed 6/6/91, effective 7/7/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-834-990, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.250. WSR 90-04-094 (Order 029), § 308-115-405, filed 2/7/90, effective 3/10/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.135. WSR 89-08-008 (Order PM 827), § 308-115-405, filed 3/24/89. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086. WSR 87-18-031 (Order PM 667), § 308-115-405, filed 8/27/87. Statutory Authority: 1983 c 168 § 12. WSR 83-17-031 (Order PL 442), § 308-115-405, filed 8/10/83. Formerly WAC 308-115-400.]