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## Request for Approval of Proposed Standards

TO: Washington State Apprenticeship & Training Council  
 FROM: Lifepoint Health Career Accelerator

Check the appropriate box:

- Committee       Plant       OJT

Occupation(s)	SOC Code	Hours
MEDICAL ASSISTANT	31-9092.00	2000

**Form must be signed by Committee Chair and Secretary or Program's Authorized Signer**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair	Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Signer	5/2/2024		5.2.2024
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Signature: <i>Laura Dailey</i>		Signature: <i>Diana Kasaev</i>	

Approved By: <b>Washington State Apprenticeship &amp; Training Council</b>
Signature of the WSATC:
Date:

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**APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM STANDARDS  
adopted by**

**LIFEPOINT HEALTH CAREER ACCELARATOR**

(sponsor name)

Occupational Objective(s):

SOC#

Term [WAC 296-05-015]

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

**31-9092.00**

**2000 HOURS**



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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Council

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of Council

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## INTRODUCTION

This document is an apprenticeship program standard. Apprenticeship program standards govern how an apprenticeship works and have specific requirements. This document will explain the requirements.

The director of the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) appoints the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council (WSATC) to regulate apprenticeship program standards. The director appoints and deputizes an assistant director to be known as the supervisor of apprenticeship who oversees administrative functions through the apprenticeship section at the department.

The WSATC is the sole regulatory body for apprenticeship standards in Washington. It approves, administers, and enforces apprenticeship standards, and recognizes apprentices when either registered with L&I's apprenticeship section, or under the terms and conditions of a reciprocal agreement. WSATC also must approve any changes to apprenticeship program standards.

Apprenticeship programs have sponsors. A sponsor operates an apprenticeship program and declares their purpose and policy herein to establish an organized system of registered apprenticeship education and training. The sponsor recognizes WSATC authority to regulate and will submit a revision request to the WSATC when making changes to an apprenticeship program standard.

Apprenticeships are governed by federal law (29 U.S.C 50), federal regulations (29 CFR Part 29 & 30), state law (49.04 RCW) and administrative rules (WAC 296-05). These standards conform to all of the above and are read together with federal and state laws and rules

Standards are changed with WSATC approval. Changes are binding on apprentices, sponsors, training agents, and anyone else working under an agreement governed by the standards. Sponsors may have to maintain additional information as supplemental to these standards. When a standard is changed, sponsors are required to notify apprentices and training agents. If changes in federal or state law make any part of these standards illegal, the remaining parts are still valid and remain in force. Only the part made illegal by changes in law is invalid. L&I and the WSATC may cooperate to make corrections to the standards if necessary to administer the standards.

Sections of these standards identified as bold “**Insert Text**” fields are specific to the individual program standards and may be modified by a sponsor submitting a revised standard for approval by the WSATC. All other sections of these standards are boilerplate and may only be modified by the WSATC. See WAC 296-05-003 for the definitions necessary for use with these standards.

Sponsor Introductory Statement (Required):

**Lifepoint Health is a leading healthcare provider that serves patients, clinicians, communities and partner organizations across the healthcare continuum. Driven by a mission of Making**

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**Communities Healthier, the company has a growing diversified healthcare delivery network comprised of more than 60,000 dedicated employees, 63 community hospital campuses, more than 30 rehabilitation and behavioral health hospitals and 170 additional sites of care, including managed acute rehabilitation units, outpatient centers and post-acute care facilities.**

### **I. GEOGRAPHIC AREA COVERED:**

The sponsor must train inside the area covered by these standards. If the sponsor wants to train outside the area covered by these standards, the sponsor must enter a portability agreement with a sponsor outside the area, and provide evidence of such an agreement for compliance purposes. Portability agreements permit training agents to use apprentices outside the area covered by the standards. Portability agreements are governed by WAC 296-05-009.

**These standards will cover the following counties in the State of Washington: Benton and Franklin.**

### **II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Minimum qualifications must be clearly stated and applied in a nondiscriminatory manner [WAC 296-05-015(17)].

Age: **18 years old**

Education: **High School Diploma or Equivalent**

Physical: **Must be able to perform job duties with or without reasonable accommodations.**

Testing: **None**

Other: **Lifepoint Health full time employee for a minimum of six months prior to enrollment into the Lifepoint Health Career Accelerator (LHCA).**

### **III. CONDUCT OF PROGRAM UNDER WASHINGTON EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PLAN:**

Sponsors with five (5) or more apprentices must adopt an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Plan and Selection Procedure (chapter 296-05 WAC and 29 CFR Part 30).

The recruitment, selection, employment and training of apprentices during their apprenticeship shall be without discrimination because of race, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, color, religion, national origin, age, genetic information, disability or as otherwise specified by law. The sponsor shall take positive action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required

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by the rules of the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council and Title 29, Part 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

### A. Selection Procedures:

1. **The LHCA does not serve as the referral agency for apprenticeship applicants. Persons desiring to become apprentices must apply directly to Lifepoint Health.**
2. **LHCA will determine when they have a hiring need and develops an appropriate job description.**
3. **The job opportunity will be posted using methods of the LHCA's choosing. This might include, but is not limited to, internal or external online job boards, workforce development agency service centers, and local educational institutions, etc.**
4. **LHCA will review the applications of all candidates that have applied for the open position. Candidates meeting minimum requirements may be selected for interview. LHCA will conduct interviews and select the applicant who is the best fit for the open position. Applicants not selected for an interview nor offered a position in LHCA are encouraged to reapply for future apprenticeship opportunities.**
5. **Once LHCA has selected their desired candidate, LHCA will compose and make an offer for registration into the apprenticeship. Once an offer has been accepted, applicants shall be informed of their obligations under the Standards established for LHCA.**

### B. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan:

**LHCA will not discriminate against apprenticeship applicants or apprentices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40-years old or older.**

**LHCA will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship.**

1. **Encourage journey-level workers and apprentices to promote the program.**
2. **Encourage minority and women (minority and non-minority) journey-level workers and apprentices to promote the program and serve as recruiters.**

### C. Discrimination Complaints:

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Any apprentice or applicant for apprenticeship who believes they have been discriminated against may file a complaint with the supervisor of apprenticeship (WAC 296-05-443).

### **IV. TERM OF APPRENTICESHIP:**

The term of apprenticeship for an individual apprentice may be measured through the completion of the industry standard for on-the-job learning (at least two thousand hours) (time-based approach), the attainment of competency (competency-based approach), or a blend of the time-based and competency-based approaches (hybrid approach) [WAC 296-05-015].

**The term of apprenticeship shall be 2000 hours of reasonably continuous employment.**

### **V. INITIAL PROBATIONARY PERIOD:**

An initial probationary period applies to all apprentices, unless the apprentice has transferred from another program. During an initial probationary period, an apprentice can be discharged without appeal rights. An initial probationary period is stated in hours or competency steps of employment. The initial probationary period is not reduced by advanced credit or standing. During an initial probationary period, apprentices receive full credit for hours and competency steps toward completion of their apprenticeship. Transferred apprentices are not subject to additional initial probationary periods [WAC 296-05-003].

The initial probationary period is [WAC 296-05-015(22)]:

- A. The period following the apprentice's registration into the program. An initial probationary period must not be longer than twenty percent of the term of the entire apprenticeship, or longer than a year from the date the apprenticeship is registered. The WSATC can grant exemptions for longer initial probationary periods if required by law.
- B. The period in which the WSATC or the supervisor of apprenticeship may terminate an apprenticeship agreement at the written request by any affected party. The sponsor or the apprentice may terminate the agreement without a hearing or stated cause. An appeal process is not available to apprentices in their initial probationary period.

**The initial probationary period shall be 400 hours of On-the-Job-Training (OJT)**

### **VI. RATIO OF APPRENTICES TO JOURNEY LEVEL WORKERS**

Supervision is the necessary education, assistance, and control provided by a journey-level employee on the same job site at least seventy-five percent of each working day, unless otherwise approved by the WSATC. Sponsors ensure apprentices are supervised by

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competent, qualified journey-level employees. Journey level-employees are responsible for the work apprentices perform, in order to promote the safety, health, and education of the apprentice.

- A. The journey-level employee must be of the same apprenticeable occupation as the apprentice they are supervising unless otherwise allowed by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) or the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) and approved by the WSATC.
- B. The numeric ratio of apprentices to journey-level employees may not exceed one apprentice per journey-level worker [WAC 296-05-015(5)].
- C. Apprentices will work the same hours as journey-level workers, except when such hours may interfere with related/supplemental instruction.
- D. Any variance to the rules and/or policies stated in this section must be approved by the WSATC.
- E. The ratio must be described in a specific and clear manner, as to the application in terms of job site, work group, department or plant:

**There shall be no more than one (1) apprentice to one (1) journey-level worker per job site.**

### **VII. APPRENTICE WAGES AND WAGE PROGRESSION:**

- A. Apprentices must be paid at least Washington's minimum wage, unless a local ordinance or a collective bargaining agreement require a higher wage. Apprentices must be paid according to a progressively increasing wage scale. The wage scale for apprentices is based on the specified journey-level wage for their occupation. Wage increases are based on hours worked or competencies attained. The sponsor determines wage increases. Sponsors must submit the journey-level wage at least annually or whenever changed to the department as an addendum to these standards. Journey-level wage reports may be submitted on a form provided by the department. Apprentices and others should contact the sponsor or the Department for the most recent Journey-level wage rate.
- B. Sponsors can grant advanced standing, and grant a wage increase, when apprentices demonstrate abilities and mastery of their occupation. When advanced standing is granted, the sponsor notifies the employer/training agent of the wage increase the apprenticeship program standard requires.
- C. Wage Progression Schedule: **Medical Assistant**

Step	Hour Range or competency step	Percentage of journey-level wage rate
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1	<b>0 - 500</b>	<b>87%</b>
2	<b>501 - 2000</b>	<b>97%</b>

**The step 1 wage shall not be lower than the Washington State minimum wage or any other applicable minimum wages as established by any authority having jurisdiction.**

**VIII. WORK PROCESSES:**

The apprentice shall receive on the job instruction and work experience as is necessary to become a qualified journey-level worker versed in the theory and practice of the occupation covered by these standards. The following is a condensed schedule of work experience, which every apprentice shall follow as closely as conditions will permit. The following work process descriptions pertain to the occupation being defined.

<b>A. Medical Assistant</b>	<b><u>Approximate Hours/Competency Level</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>General Patient Care and Interaction .....740</b>  <b>Including but not limited to: Care Coordination, Preventative Care, Phones and Scheduling, Rooming and Vital Signs, Medical Record Review, Education and Patient Adherence, Scheduling, Documentation</b></li> <li>• <b>Clinical Competencies and Diagnostic Tests.....700</b>  <b>Including but not limited to: Vital Signs, PPE, Handwashing, Instrument Sterilization and Sanitization, Sterile Procedure, Suture/Staple Removal, Dressing Change, Sterile Gloving, Ear and Eye Irrigation, Visual Acuity, Peak Flow Test, 12 Lead EKG, Pap and Pelvic Exam, Blood Draw, Glucometer, ETS Collection, Syringe Collection, Urine Collection, Urine Analysis, Throat Swab, Blood Test, Nasopharyngeal Specimen</b></li> <li>• <b>Data Entry ..... 100</b>  <b>Including but not limited to: Medical Records, Chart Prep and Organization, Interacting with EHR, Chart Management</b></li> <li>• <b>Quality and Safety Improvement ..... 380</b>  <b>Including but not limited to: Rooming and Vital Signs, Problem Solving, Disinfection/Sanitization, Safety Guidelines, Professionalism, Customer Service</b></li> <li>• <b>Additional Duties and Cleaning ..... 80</b>  <b>Including but not limited to: MSDS and SDS to identify chemical hazards, Exposure Guidelines, Sterile Technique, Supply Management</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Total Hours/# of Competency Levels:        2000</b></p>



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### IX. RELATED/SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION:

The apprentice must attend related/supplemental instruction (RSI). Time spent in RSI shall not be considered as hours of work and the apprentice is not required to be paid.

RSI must be provided in safe and healthy conditions as required by the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act and applicable federal and state regulations.

Hours spent in RSI are reported to L&I each quarter. Reports must show which hours are unpaid and supervised by a competent instructor versus all other hours (paid and/or unsupervised) for industrial insurance purposes.

For purposes of coverage under the Industrial Insurance Act, the WSATC is an employer and the apprentice is an employee when an unpaid, supervised apprentice is injured while under the direction of a competent instructor and participating in RSI activities.

If apprentices do not attend required RSI, they may be subject to disciplinary action by the sponsor.

A. The methods of related/supplemental training must be indicated below (check those that apply):

Supervised field trips

Sponsor approved training seminars (specify)

Sponsor approved online or distance learning courses (specify)

Apprentice will be enrolled into the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) program which will prepare them to pass the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) exam.

State Community/Technical college

Private Technical/Vocational college

Sponsor Provided (lab/classroom)

Other (specify):

B. **(410)** Minimum RSI hours per year defined per the following [see WAC 296-05-015(6)]:

Twelve-month period from date of registration.\*

Defined twelve-month school year: **(Insert Month)** through **(Insert Month)**.

Two-thousand hours of on the job training.

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*\*If no selection is indicated above, the WSATC will define RSI hours per twelve-month period from date of registration.*

### C. Additional Information:

(N/A)

## X. ADMINISTRATIVE/DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

### A. Administrative Procedures:

The sponsor may include in this section a summary and explanation of administrative actions performed at the request or on the behalf of the apprentice. Such actions may include but are not limited to:

1. Voluntary Suspension: A temporary interruption in progress of an individual's apprenticeship agreement at the request of the apprentice and granted by the sponsor. The program sponsor shall review apprentices in suspended status at least once each year to determine if the suspension is still appropriate.
2. Advanced Standing or Credit: The sponsor may provide for advanced standing or credit for demonstrated competency, acquired experience, training or education in or related to the occupation. All sponsors need to ensure a fair and equitable process is applied to all apprentices seeking advanced standing or credit per WAC 296-05-015(11).
3. Sponsor Procedures:

**Participation in the apprenticeship program requires full time employment with Lifepoint Health. The apprentice is governed by Lifepoint Health policies and procedures in addition to the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council rules and policies.**

**LHCA as the Sponsor will:**

- 1) **Provide the Apprentice with appropriate forms to document and record hours of instruction in Work Process (Section VIII) and Related Supplemental Instruction (Section IX). Submit to the apprenticeship committee RSI and OJT reports on a monthly basis.**
- 2) **Comply with all rules and laws governing Registered Apprenticeship.**
- 3) **Ensure that a qualified Journey-Level worker provides meaningful and harassment free on-the-job training in all aspects of the occupation.**

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**4) Explain to their apprentice(s) the requirements and expectations of these Standards of Apprenticeship.**

**The Apprentice will:**

- 1) Attend weekly class sessions onsite in their hiring hospital.**
- 2) Document their OJT and RSI hours and provide documentation to program Onsite Coordinator during weekly classroom sessions throughout entire program.**
- 3) Attend live or view a recording of any missed classroom session.**
- 4) Complete any program required surveys or forms.**

### B. Disciplinary Procedures

1. The obligations of the sponsor when taking disciplinary action are as follows:
  - a. The sponsor shall be responsible for enacting reasonable policies and procedures and applying them consistently. The sponsor will inform all apprentices of their rights and responsibilities per these standards.
  - b. The sponsor shall notify the apprentice of intent to take disciplinary action and reasons therefore 20 calendar days prior to taking such action. The reason(s) supporting the sponsor's proposed action(s) must be sent in writing to the apprentice.
  - c. The sponsor must clearly identify the potential outcomes of disciplinary action, which may include but are not limited to discipline, suspension or cancellation of the apprenticeship agreement.
  - d. The decision/action of the sponsor will become effective immediately.
2. The sponsor may include in this section requirements and expectations of the apprentices and an explanation of disciplinary actions imposed for noncompliance. The sponsor has the following disciplinary procedures to adopt:
  - a. Disciplinary Probation: A time assessed when the apprentice's progress is not satisfactory. During this time the sponsor may withhold periodic wage advancements, suspend or cancel the apprenticeship agreement, or take further disciplinary action. A disciplinary probation may only be assessed after the initial probation is complete.
  - b. Disciplinary Suspension: A temporary interruption in the progress of an individual's apprenticeship agreement. Conditions will include not being allowed to participate in On-the-Job Training (OJT), go to Related Supplemental Instruction (RSI) classes or take part in any activity related to the Apprenticeship

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Program until such time as the sponsor takes further action. The program sponsor shall review apprentices in such status at least once each year.

- c. Cancellation: Refers to the termination of an apprenticeship agreement at the request of the apprentice, supervisor, or sponsor. [WAC 296-05-003].

3. Sponsor Disciplinary Procedures:

**No additional procedures.**

- C. Apprentice Complaint Procedures:

1. The apprentice must complete his/her initial probationary period in order to be eligible to file a complaint (WAC 296-05-105).
2. Complaints involving matters covered by a collective bargaining agreement are not subject to the complaint procedures in this section.
3. Complaints regarding non-disciplinary matters must be filed with the program sponsor within 30 calendar days from the date of the last occurrence. Complaints must be in writing.
4. If the apprentice disagrees with the resolution of the complaint or wishes to contest the outcome of a disciplinary action by the program sponsor, the apprentice must file a written request for reconsideration with the program sponsor within 30 calendar days from the date the apprentice received written notice of action by the program sponsor.
5. The program sponsor must reply, in writing, to the request for reconsideration within 30 calendar days from the date the program sponsor receives the request. The program sponsor must send a copy of the written reply to the apprentice within the 30 calendar days.
6. If the apprentice disagrees with the program sponsor's decision, the apprentice may file an appeal with the Apprenticeship Program, (WAC 296-05-105). If the apprentice does not timely file an appeal, the decision of the program sponsor is final after 30 calendar days from the date the program sponsor mails the decision to the apprentice. See section "D" below.

- D. Apprentice Complaint Review/Appeals Procedures:

1. If the apprentice disagrees with the program sponsor's decision, the apprentice must submit a written appeal to L&I's apprenticeship section within 30 calendar days from the date the decision is mailed by the program sponsor. Appeals must describe the subject matter in detail and include a copy of the program sponsor's decision.

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2. The L&I apprenticeship section will complete its investigation within 30 business days from the date the appeal is received and attempt to resolve the matter.
3. If the Apprenticeship section is unable to resolve the matter within 30 business days, the Apprenticeship section issues a written decision resolving the appeal.
4. If the apprentice or sponsor is dissatisfied with L&I's decision, either party may request the WSATC review the decision. Requests for review to the WSATC must be in writing. Requests for review must be filed within 30 calendar days from the date the decision is mailed to the parties.
5. The WSATC will conduct an informal hearing to consider the request for review.
6. The WSATC will issue a written decision resolving the request for review. All parties will receive a copy of the WSATC's written decision.

### **XI. SPONSOR – RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOVERNING STRUCTURE**

The following is an overview of the requirements associated with administering an apprenticeship program. These provisions are to be used with the corresponding RCW and/or WAC. The sponsor is the policymaking and administrative body responsible for the operation and success of this apprenticeship program. The sponsor may assign an administrator or a committee to be responsible for day-to-day operations of the apprenticeship program. Administrators and/or committee members must be knowledgeable in the process of apprenticeship and/or the application of chapter 49.04 RCW and chapter 296-05 WAC and these standards. If applicable, sponsors must develop procedures for:

#### A. Committee Operations (WAC 296-05-009): (Not applicable for Plant Programs)

Apprenticeship committees must be composed of an equal number of management and non-management representatives from a minimum of four to a maximum of twelve members. Committees must convene meetings at least three times per year attended by a quorum of committee members as defined in these approved standards.

#### B. Program Operations

The sponsor will record and maintain records pertaining to the administration of the apprenticeship program and make them available to the WSATC or Department upon request. Records required by WAC 296-05-100 will be maintained for five (5) years; all other records will be maintained for three (3) years. Apprenticeship sponsors will submit required forms/reports to the Department of Labor and Industries through one of the two prescribed methods below:

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Sponsors shall submit required forms/reports through assigned state apprenticeship consultant. Forms may be obtained through the programs assigned apprenticeship consultant.

Sponsors shall submit required reports through the Apprentice Registration and Tracking System (ARTS).

1. The following is a listing of forms/reports for the administration of apprenticeship programs and the time-frames in which they must be submitted:
  - a. Apprenticeship Agreements – within first 30 days of employment
  - b. Authorization of Signature forms - as necessary
  - c. Approved Training Agent Agreements– within 30 days of sponsor action
  - d. Minutes of Apprenticeship Committee Meetings – within 30 days of sponsor approval (not required for Plant program)
  - e. Request for Change of Status - Apprenticeship/Training Agreement and Training Agents forms – within 30 days of action by sponsor.
  - f. Journey Level Wage Rate – annually, or whenever changed as an addendum to section VII. Apprentice Wages and Wage Progression.
  - g. Related Supplemental Instruction (RSI) Hours Reports (Quarterly):
    - 1st quarter: January through March, due by April 10
    - 2nd quarter: April through June, due by July 10
    - 3rd quarter: July through September, due by October 10
    - 4th quarter: October through December, due by January 10
  - h. On-the-Job Work Hours Reports (bi-annual)
    - 1st half: January through June, by July 30
    - 2nd half: July through December, by January 31
2. The program sponsor will adopt, as necessary, local program rules or policies to administer the apprenticeship program in compliance with these standards. Requests for revision to these standards of apprenticeship must be submitted 45 calendar days prior to a quarterly WSATC meeting. The Department of Labor and Industries, Apprenticeship Section's manager may administratively approve requests for revisions in the following areas of the standards:
  - a. Program name
  - b. Sponsor's introductory statement
  - c. Section III: Conduct of Program Under Washington Equal Employment Opportunity Plan
  - d. Section VII: Apprentice Wages and Wage Progression
  - e. Section IX: Related/Supplemental Instruction
  - f. Section XI: Sponsor – Responsibilities and Governing Structure
  - g. Section XII: Subcommittees
  - h. Section XIII: Training Director/Coordinator

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3. The sponsor will utilize competent instructors as defined in WAC 296-05-003 for RSI. Furthermore, the sponsor will ensure each instructor has training in teaching techniques and adult learning styles, which may occur before or within one year after the apprenticeship instructor has started to provide instruction.

### C. Management of Apprentices:

1. Each apprentice (and, if under 18 years of age, the parent or guardian) will sign an apprenticeship agreement with the sponsor, who will then register the agreement with the Department before the apprentice attends RSI classes, or within the first 30 days of employment as an apprentice. For the purposes of industrial insurance coverage and prevailing wage exemption under RCW 39.12.021, the effective date of registration will be the date the agreement is received by the Department.
2. The sponsor must notify the Department within 30 days of all requests for disposition or modification to apprentice agreements, which may include:
  - a) Certificate of completion
  - b) Additional credit
  - c) Suspension (i.e. military service or other)
  - d) Reinstatement
  - e) Cancellation
  - f) Corrections
  - g) Step Upgrades
  - h) Probation Completion date
  - i) Other (i.e., name changes, address)
  - j) Training Agent Cancellation
3. The sponsor commits to rotate apprentices in the various processes of the skilled occupation to ensure the apprentice is trained to be a competent journey-level worker.
4. The sponsor shall periodically review and evaluate apprentices before advancement to the apprentice's next wage progression period. The evidence of such advancement will be the record of the apprentice's progress on the job and during related/supplemental instruction.
5. The sponsor has the obligation and responsibility to provide, insofar as possible, reasonably continuous employment for all apprentices in the program. The sponsor may arrange to transfer an apprentice from one training agent to another or to another program when the sponsor is unable to provide reasonably continuous employment, or they are unable to provide apprentices the diversity of experience necessary for training and experience in the various work processes as stated in these standards. The new training agent will assume all the terms and conditions of these standards. If, for any reason, a layoff of an apprentice occurs, the apprenticeship agreement will remain in effect unless canceled by the sponsor.

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6. An apprentice who is unable to perform the on-the-job portion of apprenticeship training may, if the apprentice so requests and the sponsor approves, participate in related/supplemental instruction, subject to the apprentice obtaining and providing to the sponsor written requested document/s for such participation. However, time spent will not be applied toward the on-the-job portion of apprenticeship training.
7. The sponsor shall hear and decide all complaints of violations of apprenticeship agreements.
8. Upon successful completion of apprenticeship, as provided in these standards, and passing the examination that the sponsor may require, the sponsor will recommend the WSATC award a Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship. The sponsor will make an official presentation to the apprentice who has successfully completed his/her term of apprenticeship.

### D. Training Agent Management:

1. The sponsor shall offer training opportunities for apprentices by ensuring reasonable and equal working and training conditions are applied uniformly to all apprentices. The sponsor shall provide training at an equivalent cost to that paid by other employers and apprentices participating in the program. The sponsor shall not require an employer to sign a collective bargaining agreement as a condition of participation.
2. The sponsor must determine whether an employer can adequately furnish proper on the job training to an apprentice in accordance with these standards. The sponsor must also require any employer requesting approved training status to complete an approved training agent agreement and to comply with all federal and state apprenticeship laws, and these standards.
3. The sponsor will submit training agent agreements to the Department with a copy of the agreement and/or the list of approved training agents within thirty calendar days from the effective date. Additionally, the sponsor must submit rescinded training agent agreements to the Department within thirty calendar days of said action.

### E. Committee governance (if applicable): (see WAC 296-05-009)

1. Apprenticeship committees shall elect a chairperson and a secretary who shall be from opposite interest groups, i.e., chairperson-employers; secretary-employees, or vice versa. If the committee does not indicate its definition of quorum, the interpretation will be “50% plus 1” of the approved committee members. The sponsor must also provide the following information:
  - a. **Quorum: At least one employer and one employee representative, plus one additional committee representative.**



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- b. Program type administered by the committee: **Individual Non-joint**
- c. The employer representatives shall be:

**Laura Dailey, PhD Chair  
Director of Educational Program  
Design  
Lifepoint Health  
330 Seven Springs Way  
Brentwood, TN 37027**

**Heather Rabben, RN, BSN  
Clinical Education Supervisor  
Trios Health  
3810 Plaza Way  
Kennewick, WA, 99338**

- d. The employee representatives shall be:

**Diana Kasaev, Secretary  
Medical Assistant, Urgent Care  
Trios Health  
3810 Plaza Way  
Kennewick, WA, 99338**

**Kathleen Mierzwa MSN, RN,  
Clinical Nurse Education Specialist  
Trios Health  
3810 Plaza Way  
Kennewick, WA, 99338**

F. Plant programs

For plant programs the WSATC or the Department designee will act as the apprentice representative. Plant programs shall designate an administrator(s) knowledgeable in the process of apprenticeship and/or the application of chapter 49.04 RCW and chapter 296-05 WAC and these standards.

The designated administrator(s) for this program is/are as follows:

**None**

**XII. SUBCOMMITTEE:**

Subcommittee(s) approved by the Department, represented equally from management and non-management, may also be established under these standards, and are subject to the main committee. All actions of the subcommittee(s) must be reviewed by the main committee. Subcommittees authorized to upgrade apprentices and/or conduct disciplinary actions must be structured according to the same requirements for main committees.

**(Insert Subcommittee/s)**

**None**

## **Lifepoint Health Career Accelerator**

### **XIII. TRAINING DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR:**

The sponsor may employ a person(s) as a full or part-time training coordinator(s)/ training director(s). This person(s) will assume responsibilities and authority for the operation of the program as are delegated by the sponsor.

**Kathleen Mierzwa MSN, RN, Coordinator  
Clinical Nurse Education Specialist  
Trios Health  
3810 Plaza Way  
Kennewick, WA, 99338**

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## Journey Level Wage Rate

From which apprentices' wage rates are computed

TO: Washington State Apprenticeship & Training Council  
 FROM: Lifepoint Health Career Accelerator

Occupation:	County(ies):	Journey Level Wage Rate:	Effective Date:
MEDICAL ASSISTANT	Benton and Franklin Counties	\$22.00/hr	5/2/2024
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

Sponsors must submit the journey-level wage at least annually or whenever changed to the Department.

**Form must be signed by Committee Chair and Secretary or Program's Authorized Signer**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair	Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Signer	5/2/2024		5.2.2024
Print Name: Laura Dailey		Print Name: Diana Kasauer	
Signature: <i>Laura Dailey</i>		Signature: <i>Diana Kasauer</i>	

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## Apprenticeship Related/Supplemental Instruction (RSI) Plan Review

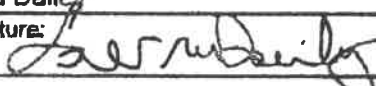

Program Name Lifepoint Health Career Accelerator	
Occupation Medical Assistant	
Term/OJT Hours 2000	Total RSI Hours 410
Training Provider National Healthcarerer (NHA)	

By the signature placed below, the **program sponsor** agrees to provide the prescribed RSI for each registered apprentice and assures that:

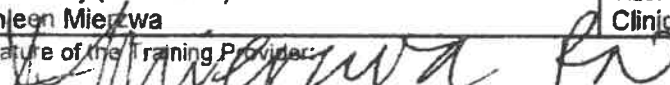
1. The RSI content and delivery method is and remains reasonably consistent with the latest occupational practices, improvements, and technical advances.
2. The RSI is coordinated with the on-the-job work experience.
3. The RSI is provided in safe and healthful work practices in compliances with WISHA and applicable federal and state regulations.
4. The RSI Plan is maintained, updated and submitted to the Department a minimum of once every 5 years (WSATC Policy 2015-01; rev, 10-21-21).
5. The RSI will be conducted by instructors who meet the qualification of the "competent instructor" as described in WAC 296-05-003:
  - a. Has demonstrated a satisfactory employment performance in her/her occupation for a minimum of three years beyond the customary learning period for that occupation; and
  - b. Meets the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges requirements for a professional technical instructor (see WAC 131-16-080 through -094), or be a subject matter expert, which is an individual, such as a journey worker, who is recognized within the industry as having expertise in a specific occupation; and
  - c. Has training in teaching techniques and adult learning styles, which may occur before or within one year after the apprenticeship instructor has started to provide the related technical instruction.
6. If using alternative forms of instruction, such as correspondence, electronic media, or other self-study, instruction shall be clearly defined.

**Signatures on next page**

**Form must be signed by Committee Chair and Secretary or Program's Authorized Signer**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Signer	Date 7/24/24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary	Date 7/26/24
Print Name: Laura Dailey		Print Name: Diana Kasaev	
Signature: 		Signature: 	

**Training Provider Signature**

Approved By (Print Name): Kathleen Mierzwa	Title: Clinical Nurse Education Specialist
Signature of the Training Provider: 	
Date: 7.26.2024	

If additional training providers are needed, go to page 4.

**SBCTC**

Print Name:	Title:
Signature of the Program Administrator:	
Date:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SBCTC recommends approval <input type="checkbox"/> SBCTC recommends return to sponsor	



- Discharge Planning
- Minor and Traumatic Injury Patient Presentation
- Emergency Action Planning
- Preventative Care
- Education and Community Resources
- Care Coordination

<b>Element/Course:</b> Infection Control and Safety	<b>Planned Hours:</b> 51
Mode of Instruction (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classroom <input type="checkbox"/> Lab <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Study	
Provided by: NHA	
Description of element/course: This element includes: -Communicable Diseases and Transmission                      Classroom 80%, Online 20% -Perform Disinfection/Sanitization -Biohazard Materials	

<b>Element/Course:</b> Point of Care Testing and Laboratory Procedures	<b>Planned Hours:</b> 62
Mode of Instruction (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classroom <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lab <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Study	
Provided by: NHA	
Description of element/course: This element includes: -Laboratory Procedures -Specimen Collection                      Classroom 40%, Lab 50%, Online 10% -Laboratory Results -Specialty Testing	

<b>Element/Course:</b> Phlebotomy	<b>Planned Hours:</b> 33
Mode of Instruction (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classroom <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lab <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Study	
Provided by: NHA	
Description of element/course: This element includes: -Theory of Phlebotomy -Patient Preparation                      Classroom 40%, Lab 50%, Online 10% -Techniques and Competency -Delivering Laboratory Results	

<b>Element/Course:</b> EKG and Cardiovascular Testing	<b>Planned Hours:</b> 23
Mode of Instruction (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classroom <input type="checkbox"/> Lab <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Study	
Provided by: NHA	
Description of element/course: This element includes:                      Classroom 80%, Online 20% -Cardiopulmonary Procedures and Equipment	

<b>Element/Course:</b> Administrative Assisting	<b>Planned Hours:</b> 24
Mode of Instruction (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classroom <input type="checkbox"/> Lab <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Study	
Provided by: NHA	
Description of element/course: This element includes: -Patient Medical Records -Patient Appointments                      Classroom 80%, Online 20% -Additional MA Administrative Responsibilities -Documentation and Regulations -Communication and Customer Service	





## Additional Training Providers (if necessary)

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RE: Employee Representative Committee Selection Process

Lifepoint Health Career Accelerator recently conducted a process to elect the employee representatives to the Apprenticeship Committee.

Nominations for employee representatives were obtained through meetings with the Chief Nurse Officer, People Service Director, and Nurse Educator at Trios Health, a Lifepoint Health facility. Individuals were nominated based on their educational background and experience to represent the interest of all Medical Assistants.

After nominations were gathered, each nominee was asked if they were willing to join the Apprenticeship Committee. All agreed and began supporting this initiative for Trios Health.

The formation of the Apprentice Committee and direction of these efforts was distributed to hospital leadership and publicly shared to the entire facility. Hospital leadership will continue to support these efforts as a key stakeholder.



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**Apprenticeship Committee  
Representative Qualifications**

The Apprenticeship Committee is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the apprenticeship and training program and operating the program consistent with the standards of apprenticeship. Pursuant to WAC 296-05-009, the Representative listed below shall be familiar with the applicable apprenticeship standards.

Name of Program  
Lifepoint Health Career Accelerator

Committee Representative Name  
Laura Dailey

Committee Representative Signature  
*Laura Dailey*

Employer Representative     Employee Representative (*Does not have the authority to hire or fire*)

**Work Experience**

Position (most recent first)	Employer / Organization	From (mm/yy)	To (mm/yy)
Director	Lifepoint Health	04/17	present
Asst. Dir.	Saint Louis University	11/12	03/17

**Education History**

Name of Training and/or School (most recent first)	Completed Date (mm/yy)	Program of Study	Degree or Certification
Saint Louis University	06/2019	Higher Education	PhD
Missouri State University	05/2010	Higher Education	MS
Missouri State University	12/2008	Business	BS

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Name of Program  
Lifepoint Health Career Accelerator

Committee Representative Name  
Diana Kasaev

Committee Representative Signature  
*Diana Kasaev*

Employer Representative  Employee Representative (Does not have the authority to hire or fire)

#### Work Experience

Position (most recent first)	Employer / Organization	From (mm/yy)	To (mm/yy)
MA	Trios Health	5/22	Present

#### Education History

Name of Training and/or School (most recent first)	Completed Date (mm/yy)	Program of Study	Degree or Certification
NHA	6/23	Medical Assistant	CCMA

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Lifepoint Health Career Accelerator

Committee Representative Name  
Kathleen Mierzwa MSN, RN

Committee Representative Signature  
*Kathleen Mierzwa RN*

Employer Representative  Employee Representative (Does not have the authority to hire or fire)

**Work Experience**

Position (most recent first)	Employer / Organization	From (mm/yy)	To (mm/yy)
RN Educator	Trios Health	06/2022	present
Adjunct Faculty	Heritage University - Nursing	09/2023	present
Adjunct Faculty	Columbia Basin College - Nursing	07/2023	present
RN Case Mgr	Amedisys - Tri Cities Home Health	06/2014	12/2022
RN - ER	Howard County General Hospital	01/2008	12/2011

**Education History**

Name of Training and/or School (most recent first)	Completed Date (mm/yy)	Program of Study	Degree or Certification
Western Governors University	02/2018	Masters of Science - Nursing Ed	MSN
Western Governors University	06/2017	Bachelors of Science - Nursing	BSN
Columbia Basin College	06/2005	Associate Degree of Nursing	ADN
Columbia Basin College	12/2001	Associate Degree of Science	AAS

**Other Technical Certifications or Licenses Held**

EMT - 2000; LPN - 2004; CNA - 1999; BLS - current; ACLS - current; PALS - current; TNCC - current; TNCC Instructor - current

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Name of Program Lifepoint Health Career Accelerator
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Committee Representative Name Heather Rabben	Committee Representative Signature <i>Heather Rabben, RN</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employer Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Representative <i>(Does not have the authority to hire or fire)</i>	

**Work Experience**

Position (most recent first)	Employer / Organization	From (mm/yy)	To (mm/yy)
Education Super	Trios Health	07/2022	02/2024
RN	Trios Health	08/2016	07/2022
RN	San Joaquin General Hospital	05/2014	08/2016

**Education History**

Name of Training and/or School (most recent first)	Completed Date (mm/yy)	Program of Study	Degree or Certification
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	12/2010	Nursing	BSN

**Other Technical Certifications or Licenses Held**

CCRN
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RE: Sustainability Plan for Lifepoint Health Career Accelerator

Lifepoint Health Career Accelerator will sustain its Medical Assistant Apprenticeship Program as follows:

Funding:

- Trios Health Chief Financial Officers have included the MA Apprentice Program as a line item in their operating budget.
- Grant funding to offset costs associated with this program have been awarded to Lifepoint Health. Current funding awards period of performance extends into June 2025 and additional opportunities are consistently explored.

Operational & Administrative Capacity:

- Administrative duties will be performed by the Workforce Solutions Department within Lifepoint Health which supports Trios Health as an employee support center. Backup support will be provided by onsite Trios Health leaders.
- Program educational duties will be performed by the Trios Health RN Educator who will be paid their regular wages to teach apprenticeship curriculum.
- Curriculum materials will be paid for and provided to the apprentice by the company.
- Lab equipment and materials will be paid for the by company.
- Classroom space and labs are held onsite at Trios Health.
- Lifepoint Health's general liability insurance will cover all training activities of the company.

Continuity of Funding:

- Lifepoint Health will periodically evaluate the costs of the Medical Assistant Program and raise wages to cover training cost increases as needed.