


**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF NURSING
PROCEDURE**

Title:	Outreach and Education	Number:	W47.02
Reference:	<p>RCW 18.130.160 - Finding of unprofessional conduct—Orders—Sanctions—Stay—Costs—Stipulations.</p> <p>RCW 18.130.175 - Physician health and voluntary substance use disorder monitoring programs (<i>as amended by 2023 c 425</i>).</p> <p>RCW 18.79.440 - Public posting of enforcement actions restricted—Substance use disorder monitoring stipend program.</p> <p>WAC 246-840-750 - Philosophy governing voluntary substance use monitoring programs.</p> <p>WAC 246-840-760 - Definitions of terms used in WAC 246-840-750 through 246-840-790.</p> <p>WAC 246-840-770 - Approval of substance use monitoring programs</p> <p>WAC 246-840-780 - Conditions for participants entering the approved substance use monitoring program.</p> <p>WAC 246-840-790 - Substance use disorder monitoring stipend program</p>		
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PURPOSE:

Washington Health Professional Services (WHPS) provides education and outreach to entities such as healthcare and professional organizations, drug courts, educational and academic programs, and government agencies. The desired outcome of these efforts is to protect the public by facilitating awareness and understanding of substance use disorder, encouraging organizations and individuals to recognize WHPS as a resource, and increase program participation.

PROCEDURE:

The Washington State Board of Nursing (WABON) will support the Director, Discipline and WHPS and Assistant Director, WHPS to:

- I Conduct an annual review of outreach and education performance trends, partner organizations, and entities served by the WHPS program. WHPS will identify target audiences that would benefit from WHPS education and consultation services.
- II Strategize and develop education and outreach plans with the goal of building and maintaining collaborative relationships with monitoring programs in Washington and other states.
- III Develop and facilitate educational resources, learning activities, and events through:
 - A. Determining type and length of educational activity or event.
 - B. Conducting focused literature review to provide most up-to-date and evidence-based content.
 - C. Identifying most appropriate delivery of educational content (e.g., synchronous, asynchronous, electronic, or printed materials and evaluation methods).
 - D. Applying for accredited educational credits when appropriate or necessary.
- IV Maintain a user-friendly WHPS website.
- V Function as a resource information hub for substance use disorder and the WHPS program.
- VI Conduct an annual review of education and outreach activities and report subsequent outcomes metrics.