

VRP Program: Eligible Provider Types

- The Volunteer and Retired Providers (VRP) Program cannot cover providers with a registration or certification. The Program can only cover licensed providers, as outlined below. Third year residents do qualify under their limited license as long as volunteer coverage hours are limited and not regularly scheduled hours.
- The VRP Program cannot cover students or associates. Liability for students and associates typically comes from preceptors.

Provider Type	Covered for VRP?
Acupuncturist	✓ Yes
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP)	✓ Yes
Audiologist	■ Dependent on licensure*
Chemical Dependency Professional	✗ No
Chiropractor	✓ Yes
Dental Assistant	✗ No
Dental Hygienist	✓ Yes
Dentist	✓ Yes
Dietician	✗ No
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine	✓ Yes
Emergency Medical Technician	✗ No
Licensed Practical Nurse	✓ Yes
Marriage and Family Therapist	■ Dependent on licensure*
Massage Therapist	✓ Yes
Medical Assistant/Medical Assistant Phlebotomist	✗ No
Mental Health Counselor	■ Dependent on licensure*
Naturopathic Physician	✓ Yes
Nursing Assistant	✗ No
Nutritionist	✗ No
Occupational Therapist	✓ Yes
Ophthalmologist	✓ Yes



Optician	✓ Yes
Optometrist	✓ Yes
Pharmacist	✓ Yes
Pharmacy Technician	✗ No
Physical Therapist	✓ Yes
Physical Therapist Assistant	✓ Yes
Physician	✓ Yes
Physician Assistant	✓ Yes
Podiatrist	✓ Yes
Psychologist	✓ Yes
Radiologic Technologist	✗ No
Registered Nurse	✓ Yes
Social Worker	■ Dependent on licensure*
Speech Language Pathologist	■ Dependent on licensure*

*Dependent on Licensure: Some provider types can carry either a license or a registration/certification. The distinction is marked by the prefix of the provider's license number.

Provider Type	✓	✗
Audiologist	LD	CD
Hearing Aid Specialist	HA	HR, HH, DP
Marriage & Family Therapist	LF	MF
Mental Health Counselor	LH	MH
Social Worker	LW, SA, SC	SW
Speech Language Pathologist	LL	CL

Key Definitions

License: A method of regulation by which the state grants permission to persons who meet predetermined qualifications to engage in a health profession. The qualifications are set by law and without a license the practice of the specific health profession would be unlawful. Licensure protects the scope of practice and the healthcare professional's title.

Certification: A type of credential. Certifications may be a voluntary process by which the state grants recognition to an individual who has met certain qualifications. Some certifications are required before the person can practice a healthcare profession. The qualifications for each certified profession are set in law.

Registration: A process by which the state maintains an official roster of names and addresses of the practitioners in a given profession and, if required, the location, nature and operation of the healthcare activity practiced.



Glossary of DOH Licensing Terms

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/GlossaryofTerms>

Provider Credential Search

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