

VRP Program: Eligible Provider Types

The Volunteer and Retired Providers (VRP) Program can only cover provider types who carry a license (rather than registration or certification). All provider types and their eligibility are listed below. If you have any questions about this, please contact us at vrp@wahealthcareaccessalliance.org.

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
Marriage & Family Therapist	LF	MF
Mental Health Counselor	LH	MH
Social Worker	LW	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

<https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/providercredentialsearch/>

