WAC 246-980-110 Continuing education. (1) A home care aide shall demonstrate completion of 12 hours of continuing education per year as required by RCW 74.39A.341. The required continuing education must be obtained during the period between renewals. Continuing education is subject to the provisions of WAC 246-12-170 through 246-12-240.

(2) Verification of completion of the continuing education requirement is due upon renewal of an active credential. If the first renewal period is less than a full year from the date of certification, no continuing education will be due for the first renewal period.

(3) No continuing education is required for renewal of a credential that has been expired five years or less.

(4) An individual provider who is exempt from certification as a home care aide may voluntarily take continuing education under RCW 18.88B.041. Until January 1, 2027, continuing education hours must be paid for by the individual provider's consumer directed employer, up to 12 hours annually.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88B.041, 18.88B.060, 43.70.280, and 2024 c 322. WSR 25-15-128, s 246-980-110, filed 7/21/25, effective 8/21/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.88B.021, 18.88B.031, 18.88B.041, and 18.88B.060. WSR 24-15-025, § 246-980-110, filed 7/9/24, effective 8/9/24. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.88B and 18.130 RCW, 2012 c 164, and 2013 c 259. WSR 13-19-087, § 246-980-110, filed 9/18/13, effective 10/19/13. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.88B and 74.39A RCW. WSR 10-15-103, § 246-980-110, filed 7/20/10, effective 1/1/11.]