

## Definitions

Title	Definition	WACs & RCWs
Advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP)	Means a registered nurse authorized to practice specialized and advanced nursing according to the requirements in RCW 18.79.250.	<u>RCW 18.79.250</u>
Certified nursing assistant (CNA)	Is a nurse assistant as defined in Chapter 18.88A RCW, who provides direct care to patients.	<u>Chapter 18.88A</u> <u>RCW</u>
Direct patient care	Hands on, face-to-face contact with patients for the purpose of diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring.	N/A
Hours per unit of Service (HPUS)	A general term for hours of patient care, could include hours per patient day (HPPD) hours per patient visit (HPPV) hour per patient procedure (HPPP) or hours per room assignment (HPRA)	N/A
Licensed practical nurse (LPN)	Is a licensed practical nurse as defined in RCW 18.79.030(3), who provides direct care to patients.	<u>RCW 18.79.030(3)</u>
Nursing Staff	Registered nurse (RN), licensed practical nurse (LPN), certified nurse assistant (CAN), and unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP).	<u>RCW 70.41.410</u>
Patient care staff	Means a person who is providing direct care or supportive services to patients but who is not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) A physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW; or</li> <li>(b) A physician's assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW; or</li> </ul>	<u>RCW 70.41.410</u>

	(c) An advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under RCW 18.79.250, unless working as a direct care registered nurse.	
Patient care unit	Means any unit or area of the hospital that provides patient care by registered nurses.	<u>RCW 70.41.410</u>
Registered nurse (RN)	Is a registered nurse as defined in Chapter 18.79 RCW who provides direct care to patients.	<u>RCW 18.79.260(3)</u>
Unlicensed assisted personnel (UP)	<p>Individuals trained to function in an assistive role to nurses in the provision of patient care, as delegated by and under the supervision of the registered nurse. Typical activities performed by unlicensed assistive personnel include but are not limited to: Taking vital signs; bathing, feeding, or dressing patients; assisting patient with transfer, ambulation, or toileting.</p> <p>Definition includes: Nursing assistants; orderlies; patient care technicians/assistants; and graduate nurses (not yet licensed) who have completed unit orientation.</p> <p>Definition excludes: Unit secretaries or clerks; monitor technicians; therapy assistance; student nurses fulfilling educational requirements; and sitter who are not providing typical UAP activities.</p> <p>Emergency Department (ED) technicians and Medical Assistants (MA) who are trained to function in an assistive role to nurses in the provision of patient care, as delegated by and under the supervision of the registered nurse meet the definition in rule of a UAP.</p> <p>Do not include CNAs in the UAP category of the staffing matrix because they are reported separately.</p>	<u>WAC 246-320-010(69)</u>