

Additional Requirements for Allied Health Care Providers

Practitioner Type	FCHN Education/ Training Requirements for Network Participation	Additional FCH Requirements for Network Participation
Advance Registered Nurse Practitioner	Masters degree from a fully accredited program.	Hospital Admitting Privileges or In Patient Covering Plan (if practicing as a PCP)
Audiologist	Masters degree in Audiology from a recognized institution of higher learning.	Washington ONLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification by the American Speech Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and/or • Certification by the American Board of Audiology (<i>approved on 7/12/2006</i>) and/or • Certification by the American Academy of Audiology (<i>approved on 8/8/2007</i>)
Chiropractor	Graduation from an accredited chiropractic college approved by the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission.	Chiropractors are required to carry malpractice coverage with limits of two hundred thousand (200,000) per incident, six hundred thousand (600,000) per aggregate.
Dentist	Graduation from a dental school approved by the Dental Quality Assurance Commission.	None
Dietician	Bachelors degree or higher in major course study in human nutrition, foods and nutrition, dietetics, or food management.	None
Marriage and Family Therapist	Masters or Doctoral degree in any Behavioral Science.	None Also Reference Mental Health Counselor

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Massage Practitioner	Completion of a Washington State Board of Massage Education Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Massage practitioners practicing in Alaska (if not licensed) and Idaho must be certified by or a member of one of the following entities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB) certification. - American Massage Therapy Association membership - Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals membership
Mental Health Counselor	Masters or Doctoral degree in Mental Health Counseling or related field from a regionally accredited college or university.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical Dependency Counselor (CDC) and/or a Registered Counselor (RC) license(s) must also hold one of the following license: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) - Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LMFT) - Masters of Social Work (MSW) license. • CDC and/or RC licenses are not acceptable by themselves.
Midwife/Certified Nurse Midwife	<p>Graduation from an approved nurse practitioner program.</p> <p>Has an active RN license to practice and graduation from an approved midwifery program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification by the American College of Nurse Midwives. • A written, formal patient coverage arrangement with a FCH contracted obstetrical physician, OR • If practicing in AK or ID, a written, formal patient back-up coverage plan

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Midwife/Licensed Nurse Midwife	Graduation from an approved midwifery program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a written, formal patient coverage arrangement with a contracted obstetrical physician. • A copy of the current plan (filed with the state) for consultation with a medical doctor (MD or DO) in an obstetrical practice, emergency transfer and transport client. The physician must be contracted with FCH, OR • If practicing in AK or ID, a written, formal patient back-up coverage plan.
Neuropsychologist	Doctoral degree in psychology from accredited university training program. Internship or its equivalent in the specialty of Neuropsychology.	None
Naturopath	Graduation from a state approved naturopathic school.	Hospital Admitting Privileges or In Patient Covering Plan (if identified as a PCP)
Nutritionist	Masters or doctorate in Nutrition.	None
Occupational Therapist	Graduation from a nationally accredited, Board approved school.	None
Optometrist	Graduation from an accredited School of Optometry accredited by the Council on Optometric Education of American Optometric Association and approved by the state licensing board.	None
Physical Therapist	Graduation from a nationally accredited, Board approved school.	None

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Physician Assistant	Graduation from an accredited or approved physician assistant program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name(s) of Sponsoring Physician(s) must be documented in application • At least one sponsoring physician must be a FCHN Preferred Provider. • Hospital Admitting Privileges or In Patient Covering Plan (if practicing as a PCP) <p>Additional Requirements Surgical Assistants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Surgical Assistant Association or • National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants with additional training in surgery <p>Washington ONLY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
Podiatrist	Graduation from an accredited or approved podiatric school.	<p>Washington ONLY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Board of Podiatric Surgery OR • American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Medicine
Psychologist	Doctoral Degree from a regionally accredited or APA approved school.	None
Registered Nurse First Surgical Assistant (RNFA)	Bachelor's degree from a fully accredited program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification by the Certification Board of Perioperative Nursing (CNOR). • Documentation of a written formal agreement to practice in collaboration with and under the on-site supervision and direction of a FCH contracted physician.

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Social Worker	Masters degree in social work from an accredited graduate school of social work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None • Also Reference Mental Health Counselor
Speech and Language Pathologist	Masters in Speech Pathology from a recognized institution of higher learning.	<p>Washington ONLY</p> <p>Certification by the American Speech Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)</p>
Surgical Assistant	Graduate of a fully accredited program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Surgical Assistant Association or • National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants with additional training in surgery