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Federal Way counselor suspended for five years due to sexual misconduct

OLYMPIA — State health officials suspended the credential of Federal Way counselor Scott Hale (CAAR.CG.60166973) after he admitted having sex with a client on three occasions.

Hale cannot apply for reinstatement for at least five years, and he must meet requirements designed to protect the public before being reinstated.

His credential was immediately suspended in February based on allegations that he had sex with a client while he was a counselor at a Burien mental health clinic. This five year minimum suspension completes the legal process that started with the immediate suspension.

The documents in this case can be seen online by clicking “[Look up a health care provider](#)” on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That’s also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

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