WAC 246-810-015  Agency affiliated counselor: Scope of practice and credentialing requirements. (1) An agency affiliated counselor may only provide counseling services as part of his or her employment as an agency affiliated counselor for a recognized agency.

(2) An applicant for an agency affiliated counselor must be employed by, or have an offer of employment from, an agency or facility identified in WAC 246-810-016.

(3) (a) Applicants must submit an application to the department within the first 30 days of employment at an agency.

(b) Applicants must complete any outstanding deficiencies within 90 days of the date the department issues a deficiency letter. If the applicant does not satisfy the outstanding
licensure requirements within 90 days, the applicant must stop working.


NEW SECTION

WAC 246-810-019 Co-occurring disorder enhancement specialist eligibility.

Agency affiliated counselors licensed under chapter 18.19 RCW and this chapter who meet the conditions of RCW 18.205.160(1)(e) are eligible to apply for a co-occurring disorder specialist enhancement to their existing credential according to the conditions of RCW 18.205.160 chapter 246-806 WAC.

CERTIFIED COUNSELORS, CERTIFIED ADVISERS, AND HYPNOTHERAPISTS

WAC 246-810-026 Qualifications to be a certified counselor supervisor, certified adviser supervisor, or a certified counselor consultant. The following qualifications are required
to be a certified counselor supervisor, certified adviser supervisor, or a certified counselor consultant.

(1) The supervisor or consultant must have held a Washington state credential in counseling-related fields for a minimum of five years. All credentials held by the supervisor or consultant must be in good standing. At least one credential must be active.

(2) For purposes of this section, counseling-related fields means a credential issued under chapter 18.130 RCW for:

(a) Certified counselor;

(b) Hypnotherapist;

(c) Mental health counselor;

(d) Marriage and family therapist;

(e) Independent clinical social work;

(f) Advanced social work;

(g) Psychologist;

(h) Chemical dependency/Substance use disorder professional;

(i) Sex offender treatment provider;

(j) Sex offender treatment provider affiliate;

(k) Medical physician;
(l) Osteopathic physician;

(m) Advanced registered nurse practitioner;

(n) Naturopathic physician; and

(o) Until July 1, 2010, registered counselor.

Additional credentials may be accepted by the secretary as counseling-related.

(3) The supervisor or consultant may not be a blood or legal relative or cohabitant of the credential holder, or someone who has acted as the credential holder's counselor within the past two years. A supervisor or consultant may not have a reciprocal supervisory or consultant arrangement with another credential holder.

(4) Prior to the commencement of any supervision or consultation, the supervisor or consultant must provide the certified counselor or certified adviser with a declaration on a form provided by the department.

(5) The supervisor must have completed education and training in:

(a) Supervision or management of individuals who provide counseling or mental health services;
(b) Risk assessment;

(c) Screening using the global assessment of functioning scale;

(d) Professional ethics; and

(e) Washington state law.

(6) The consultant must have completed education and training in:

(a) Risk assessment;

(b) Screening using the global assessment of functioning scale;

(c) Professional ethics; and

(d) Washington state law.


WAC 246-810-0298  Suicide assessment training standards.

(1) Approved qualifying training in suicide assessment, including screening and referral must:

(a) Until July 1, 2017, be approved by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, entities listed in WAC 246-810-0293, or an
equivalent organization, educational institution or association which approves training based on observation and experiment or best available practices. The training must be empirically supported training and meet other requirements in RCW 43.70.442;

(b) Beginning July 1, 2017, must be on the department's model list developed in accordance with RCW 43.70.442. Nothing in this section invalidates trainings completed according to this chapter before July 1, 2017; and

(c) Be provided by a single provider and be at least three hours in length, which may be provided in one or more sessions.

(2) A certified counselor or certified adviser who is an employee of a state or local government employer is exempt from the requirements of this section if he or she receives a total of at least three hours of training in suicide assessment including screening and referral from his or her employer every six years. For purposes of this subsection, the training may be provided in one three-hour block or may be spread among shorter training sessions at the employer's discretion.

(3) A certified counselor or certified adviser who is an employee of a licensed or certified behavioral health agency

under chapter 71.05 or 71.24 RCW, community mental health agency licensed under chapter 71.24 RCW or a chemical dependency program certified under chapter 70.96A RCW is exempt from the requirements of this section if he or she receives a total of at least three hours of training in suicide assessment, including screening and referral from his or her employer every six years. For purposes of this subsection, the training may be provided in one three-hour block or may be spread among shorter training sessions at the employer's discretion.

(4) A certified counselor or certified adviser that obtained training under the exemptions listed in subsections (2) and (3) of this section may obtain CE credit subject to documentation as defined in WAC 246-810-0297.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.19.050 and 43.70.442. WSR 17-07-025, § 246-810-0298, filed 3/7/17, effective 4/7/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.442(7). WSR 14-09-102, § 246-810-0298, filed 4/22/14, effective 4/22/14.]

WAC 246-810-061 Health care institutions. The chief administrator or executive officer or their designee of any hospital, nursing home, licensed or certified behavioral health agency as defined in RCW 71.24.020, and residential treatment
facility licensed under chapter 71.12 RCW, chemical dependency treatment programs as defined in chapter 70.96A RCW, drug treatment agency as defined in chapter 69.54 RCW, and public and private mental health treatment agencies as defined in RCW 71.05.020 (6) and (7), and 71.24.025(3), shall report to the department when any counselor's services are terminated or are restricted based upon a determination that the counselor has committed an act which may constitute unprofessional conduct or that the counselor may be unable to practice with reasonable skill or safety to clients by reason of a mental or physical condition. Reports are to be made in accordance with WAC 246-810-060.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.19.050(1). WSR 97-17-113, § 246-810-061, filed 8/20/97, effective 9/20/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-810-061, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-190-080, filed 6/30/89.]