

**HB 2674-S2 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Modifies credentialing standards for counselors.

Requires hypnotherapists to be registered to practice by the department of health unless they are exempt.

Authorizes the secretary of health to establish education equivalency, examination, supervisory, consultation, and continuing education requirements for certified counselors.

Requires agency affiliated counselors to notify the department of health if they are either no longer employed by the agency identified on their application or are now employed with another agency, or both. Agency affiliated counselors may not engage in the practice of counseling unless they are currently affiliated with an agency.

Requires the secretary of health to issue an associate license to any applicant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that the applicant meets certain requirements for the applicant's practice area and submits a declaration that the applicant is working toward full licensure.

Requires the secretary of health to issue a trainee certificate to any applicant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that he or she is working toward certain education and experience requirements.

Establishes the Washington state certified counselors and hypnotherapist advisory committee.