

EHB 1311 - S COMM AMD

By Subcommittee on Behavioral Health

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.205.095 and 2019 c 444 s 6 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The secretary shall issue a trainee certificate to any
6 applicant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that
7 he or she is working toward the education and experience requirements
8 in RCW 18.205.090.

9 (2) A trainee certified under this section shall submit to the
10 secretary for approval a declaration, in accordance with rules
11 adopted by the department, which shall be updated with the trainee's
12 annual renewal, that he or she is actively pursuing the experience
13 requirements under RCW 18.205.090 and is enrolled in ((an)):

14 (a) An approved education program ((and actively pursuing the
15 experience requirements in RCW 18.205.090. This declaration must be
16 updated with the trainee's annual renewal)); or

17 (b) An apprenticeship program reviewed by the substance use
18 disorder certification advisory committee, approved by the secretary,
19 and registered and approved under chapter 49.04 RCW.

20 (3) A trainee certified under this section may practice only
21 under the supervision of a certified substance use disorder
22 professional. The first fifty hours of any face-to-face client
23 contact must be under direct observation. All remaining experience
24 must be under supervision in accordance with rules adopted by the
25 department.

26 (4) A certified substance use disorder professional trainee
27 provides substance use disorder assessments, counseling, and case
28 management with a state regulated agency and can provide clinical
29 services to patients consistent with his or her education, training,
30 and experience as approved by his or her supervisor.

31 (5) A trainee certification may only be renewed four times.

1 (6) Applicants are subject to denial of a certificate or issuance
2 of a conditional certificate for the reasons set forth in chapter
3 18.130 RCW.

4 (7) As of July 28, 2019, a person certified under this chapter
5 holding the title of chemical dependency professional trainee is
6 considered to hold the title of substance use disorder professional
7 trainee until such time as the person's present certification expires
8 or is renewed.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.205.090 and 2019 c 444 s 5 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) The secretary shall issue a certificate to any applicant who
12 demonstrates to the secretary's satisfaction that the following
13 requirements have been met:

14 (a) Completion of ~~((an))~~ :

15 (i) An educational program approved by the secretary;

16 (ii) An apprenticeship program reviewed by the substance use
17 disorder certification advisory committee, approved by the secretary,
18 and registered and approved under chapter 49.04 RCW; or ((successful
19 completion of alternate))

20 (iii) Alternate training that meets established criteria;

21 (b) Successful completion of an approved examination, based on
22 core competencies of substance use disorder counseling; and

23 (c) Successful completion of an experience requirement that
24 establishes fewer hours of experience for applicants with higher
25 levels of relevant education. In meeting any experience requirement
26 established under this subsection, the secretary may not require more
27 than one thousand five hundred hours of experience in substance use
28 disorder counseling for applicants who are licensed under chapter
29 18.83 RCW or under chapter 18.79 RCW as advanced registered nurse
30 practitioners.

31 (2) The secretary shall establish by rule what constitutes
32 adequate proof of meeting the criteria.

33 (3) Applicants are subject to the grounds for denial of a
34 certificate or issuance of a conditional certificate under chapter
35 18.130 RCW.

36 (4) Certified substance use disorder professionals shall not be
37 required to be registered under chapter 18.19 RCW or licensed under
38 chapter 18.225 RCW.

1 (5) As of July 28, 2019, a person certified under this chapter
2 holding the title of chemical dependency professional is considered
3 to hold the title of substance use disorder professional until such
4 time as the person's present certification expires or is renewed.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 49.04
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 Educational requirements for an apprenticeship for substance use
8 disorder professionals must be defined by the secretary of health
9 under RCW 18.205.100.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.205
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 All education requirements established as defined by the
13 secretary under RCW 18.205.100 credited by an approved education
14 program for participants in the apprenticeship program for substance
15 use disorder professionals must meet or exceed competency
16 requirements established by the secretary.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department of health may adopt any
18 rules necessary to implement this act."

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19 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "programs;" strike the
20 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.205.095 and
21 18.205.090; adding a new section to chapter 49.04 RCW; adding a new
22 section to chapter 18.205 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: The substance use disorder professional apprenticeship
program must be reviewed by the Substance Use Disorder Advisory
Committee prior to its approval by the Department of Health. All
educational requirements established for the substance use disorder
professional apprenticeship program must meet or exceed competency
requirements established by the Department of Health.

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