

**(Effective January 1, 2025)**

**WAC 246-821-500 Continuing education requirements.** A certified behavioral health support specialist shall complete 20 hours of continuing education every two years, either in person or through distance learning, including:

(1) At least two hours of health equity education every four years that comply with requirements in WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830;

(2) Completion of at least a three-hour training on suicide assessment, including screening and referral, listed on the department's model list. A BHSS must complete this training during their first continuing education cycle after certification, then every six years afterwards;

(3) At least three hours of law and ethics every two years; and

(4) The remaining hours in qualifying continuing education under WAC 246-821-510.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.227.020, chapter 18.227 RCW, and 2023 c 270. WSR 24-21-083, s 246-821-500, filed 10/16/24, effective 1/1/25.]