

WAC 246-924-255 Suicide prevention training standards. (1) Each licensed psychologist shall, at least once every six years, complete a six-hour training in suicide prevention that meets the standards of chapter 246-12 WAC and is included on the department's model list.

(a) A psychologist's first training must be in suicide assessment, treatment, and management.

(b) Beginning July 1, 2021, a psychologist must complete a qualifying advanced training or training in treatment modalities shown to be effective in working with people who are suicidal.

(i) If a qualifying training is not reasonably available, the psychologist may substitute a six-hour training that meets the requirements of (a) of this subsection.

(ii) If a psychologist has already completed their second training prior to July 1, 2021, the psychologist's next training must comply with (b) of this subsection.

(2) A licensed psychologist who is a state or local government employee is exempt from the requirements of subsection (1) of this section if the psychologist receives at least six hours of training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management from their employer every six years. For purposes of this subsection, the training may be provided in one six-hour block or in shorter training sessions.

(3) A licensed psychologist who is an employee of a community mental health agency or substance use disorder treatment program licensed under chapter 71.24 RCW is exempt from the requirements of subsection (1)(a) of this section if the psychologist receives at least six hours of training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management from an employer every six years. For purposes of this subsection, the training may be provided in one six-hour block or in shorter training sessions.

(4) A licensed psychologist who obtained training under subsection (2) or (3) of this section may obtain continuing education credit for that training subject to documentation as defined in WAC 246-924-300.

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