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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring certain health professionals to
2 complete education in suicide assessment, treatment, and management;
3 amending RCW 18.19.020, 18.19.090, 18.19.100, 18.205.020, 18.205.090,
4 18.225.010, 18.225.090, 18.225.150, 18.83.010, 18.83.070, 18.83.090,
5 18.79.020, 18.79.160, 18.79.210, 18.57.001, 18.57.020, 18.57.050,
6 18.71.010, 18.71.050, and 18.71.080; adding a new section to chapter
7 18.205 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an effective date.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

10 (a) According to the centers for disease control and prevention:

11 (i) In 2008, more than thirty-six thousand people died by suicide
12 in the United States, making it the tenth leading cause of death
13 nationally.

14 (ii) During 2007-2008, an estimated five hundred sixty-nine
15 thousand people visited hospital emergency departments with self-
16 inflicted injuries in the United States, seventy percent of whom had
17 attempted suicide.

18 (iii) During 2008-2009, the average percentages of adults who

1 thought, planned, or attempted suicide in Washington were higher than
2 the national average.

3 (b) According to a national study, veterans face an elevated risk
4 of suicide as compared to the general population, more than twice the
5 risk among male veterans. Another study has indicated a positive
6 correlation between posttraumatic stress disorder and suicide.

7 (i) Washington state is home to more than sixty thousand men and
8 women who have deployed in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

9 (ii) Research continues on how the effects of wartime service and
10 injuries such as traumatic brain injury, posttraumatic stress disorder,
11 or other service-related conditions, may increase the number of
12 veterans who attempt suicide.

13 (iii) As more men and women separate from the military and
14 transition back into civilian life, community mental health providers
15 will become a vital resource to help these veterans and their families
16 deal with issues that may arise.

17 (c) Suicide has an enormous impact on the family and friends of the
18 victim as well as the community as a whole.

19 (d) Approximately ninety percent of people who die by suicide had
20 a diagnosable psychiatric disorder at the time of death. Most suicide
21 victims exhibit warning signs or behaviors prior to an attempt.

22 (e) Improved training and education in suicide assessment,
23 treatment, and management has been recommended by a variety of
24 organizations, including the United States department of health and
25 human services and the institute of medicine.

26 (2) It is therefore the intent of the legislature to help lower the
27 suicide rate in Washington by requiring certain mental health
28 professionals to:

29 (a) Complete training in suicide assessment, treatment, and
30 management prior to licensure; and

31 (b) Engage in continued training in suicide assessment, treatment,
32 and management as part of their continuing education requirements.

33 (3) The legislature does not intend to expand or limit the existing
34 scope of practice of any mental health professional affected by this
35 act.

36 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.19.020 and 2011 c 86 s 1 are each amended to read
37 as follows:

1 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
2 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3 (1) "Agency" means (a) an agency or facility operated, licensed, or
4 certified by the state of Washington; (b) a federally recognized Indian
5 tribe located within the state; or (c) a county.

6 (2) "Agency affiliated counselor" means a person registered under
7 this chapter who is engaged in counseling and employed by an agency.
8 "Agency affiliated counselor" includes juvenile probation counselors
9 who are employees of the juvenile court under RCW 13.04.035 and
10 13.04.040 and juvenile court employees providing functional family
11 therapy, aggression replacement training, or other evidence-based
12 programs approved by the juvenile rehabilitation administration of the
13 department of social and health services.

14 (3) "Certified adviser" means a person certified under this chapter
15 who is engaged in private practice counseling to the extent authorized
16 in RCW 18.19.200.

17 (4) "Certified counselor" means a person certified under this
18 chapter who is engaged in private practice counseling to the extent
19 authorized in RCW 18.19.200.

20 (5) "Client" means an individual who receives or participates in
21 counseling or group counseling.

22 (6) "Counseling" means employing any therapeutic techniques,
23 including but not limited to social work, mental health counseling,
24 marriage and family therapy, and hypnotherapy, for a fee that offer,
25 assist or attempt to assist an individual or individuals in the
26 amelioration or adjustment of mental, emotional, or behavioral
27 problems, and includes therapeutic techniques to achieve sensitivity
28 and awareness of self and others and the development of human
29 potential. For the purposes of this chapter, nothing may be construed
30 to imply that the practice of hypnotherapy is necessarily limited to
31 counseling.

32 (7) "Counselor" means an individual, practitioner, therapist, or
33 analyst who engages in the practice of counseling to the public for a
34 fee, including for the purposes of this chapter, hypnotherapists.

35 (8) "Department" means the department of health.

36 (9) "Hypnotherapist" means a person registered under this chapter
37 who is practicing hypnosis as a modality.

1 (10) "Private practice counseling" means the practice of counseling
2 by a certified counselor or certified adviser as specified in RCW
3 18.19.200.

4 (11) "Psychotherapy" means the practice of counseling using
5 diagnosis of mental disorders according to the fourth edition of the
6 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, published in
7 1994, and the development of treatment plans for counseling based on
8 diagnosis of mental disorders in accordance with established practice
9 standards.

10 (12) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department or the
11 secretary's designee.

12 (13) "Suicide assessment, treatment, and management training
13 program" means:

14 (a) A training program in the assessment, treatment, and management
15 of suicide of at least six hours in length that is listed on the best
16 practices registry of the American foundation for suicide prevention
17 and the suicide prevention resource center including, but not limited
18 to: Applied suicide intervention skills training; assessment and
19 management of suicide risk; recognizing and responding to suicide risk;
20 or question, persuade, respond, and treat; or

21 (b) A training program approved by the secretary that is
22 substantially equivalent to the training programs in (a) of this
23 subsection.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.19.090 and 2008 c 135 s 8 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) Application for agency affiliated counselor, certified
27 counselor, certified adviser, or hypnotherapist must be made on forms
28 approved by the secretary. The secretary may require information
29 necessary to determine whether applicants meet the qualifications for
30 the credential and whether there are any grounds for denial of the
31 credential, or for issuance of a conditional credential, under this
32 chapter or chapter 18.130 RCW. The application for agency affiliated
33 counselor, certified counselor, or certified adviser must include a
34 description of the applicant's orientation, discipline, theory, or
35 technique. Each applicant shall pay a fee determined by the secretary
36 as provided in RCW 43.70.250, which shall accompany the application.

1 (2) Applicants for agency affiliated counselor must provide
2 satisfactory documentation that they are employed by an agency or have
3 an offer of employment from an agency.

4 (3) At the time of application for initial certification,
5 applicants for certified counselor prior to July 1, 2010, are required
6 to:

7 (a) Have been registered for no less than five years at the time of
8 application for an initial certification;

9 (b) Have held a valid, active registration that is in good standing
10 and be in compliance with any disciplinary process and orders at the
11 time of application for an initial certification;

12 (c) Show evidence of having completed coursework in risk
13 assessment, ethics, appropriate screening and referral, and Washington
14 state law and other subjects identified by the secretary;

15 (d) Pass an examination in risk assessment, ethics, appropriate
16 screening and referral, and Washington state law, and other subjects as
17 determined by the secretary; and

18 (e) Have a written consultation agreement with a credential holder
19 who meets the qualifications established by the secretary.

20 (4) Unless eligible for certification under subsection (3) of this
21 section, applicants for certified counselor or certified adviser are
22 required to:

23 (a)(i) Have a bachelor's degree in a counseling-related field, if
24 applying for certified counselor; or

25 (ii) Have an associate degree in a counseling-related field and a
26 supervised internship, if applying for certified adviser;

27 (b) Pass an examination in risk assessment, ethics, appropriate
28 screening and referral, and Washington state law, and other subjects as
29 determined by the secretary; (~~and~~)

30 (c)(i)(A) Successfully complete at least fifteen hours of
31 coursework in suicide assessment, treatment, and management while
32 obtaining the degree required in (a) of this subsection; or

33 (B) Complete a suicide assessment, treatment, and management
34 training program no more than six years prior to applying for
35 certification under this section.

36 (ii) Nothing in this subsection (4)(c) may be interpreted to expand
37 or limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this
38 chapter; and

1 (d) Have a written supervisory agreement with a supervisor who
2 meets the qualifications established by the secretary.

3 (5) Each applicant shall include payment of the fee determined by
4 the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250.

5 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.19.100 and 2008 c 135 s 10 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The secretary shall establish administrative procedures,
8 administrative requirements, continuing education, and fees for renewal
9 of credentials as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. When
10 establishing continuing education requirements for agency affiliated
11 counselors, the secretary shall consult with the appropriate state
12 agency director responsible for licensing, certifying, or operating the
13 relevant agency practice setting.

14 (2)(a) During the first full continuing education reporting period
15 following the effective date of this section, a certified adviser or
16 certified counselor who obtained his or her initial certification prior
17 to the effective date of this section shall complete a suicide
18 assessment, treatment, and management training program.

19 (b) All certified advisers and certified counselors shall complete
20 a suicide assessment, treatment, and management training program every
21 six years after:

22 (i) Initially completing a training program under (a) of this
23 subsection; or

24 (ii) Obtaining initial certification on or after the effective date
25 of this section.

26 (c) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment, and
27 management training program under this section count toward meeting any
28 continuing education requirements established under this chapter.

29 (d) Nothing in this subsection (2) may be interpreted to expand or
30 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this
31 chapter.

32 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.205.020 and 2008 c 135 s 15 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
35 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

1 (1) "Certification" means a voluntary process recognizing an
2 individual who qualifies by examination and meets established
3 educational prerequisites, and which protects the title of practice.

4 (2) "Certified chemical dependency professional" means an
5 individual certified in chemical dependency counseling, under this
6 chapter.

7 (3) "Certified chemical dependency professional trainee" means an
8 individual working toward the education and experience requirements for
9 certification as a chemical dependency professional.

10 (4) "Chemical dependency counseling" means employing the core
11 competencies of chemical dependency counseling to assist or attempt to
12 assist an alcohol or drug addicted person to develop and maintain
13 abstinence from alcohol and other mood-altering drugs.

14 (5) "Committee" means the chemical dependency certification
15 advisory committee established under this chapter.

16 (6) "Core competencies of chemical dependency counseling" means
17 competency in the nationally recognized knowledge, skills, and
18 attitudes of professional practice, including assessment and diagnosis
19 of chemical dependency, chemical dependency treatment planning and
20 referral, patient and family education in the disease of chemical
21 dependency, individual and group counseling with alcoholic and drug
22 addicted individuals, relapse prevention counseling, and case
23 management, all oriented to assist alcoholic and drug addicted patients
24 to achieve and maintain abstinence from mood-altering substances and
25 develop independent support systems.

26 (7) "Department" means the department of health.

27 (8) "Health profession" means a profession providing health
28 services regulated under the laws of this state.

29 (9) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
30 designee.

31 (10) "Suicide assessment, treatment, and management training
32 program" means:

33 (a) A training program in the assessment, treatment, and management
34 of suicide of at least six hours in length that is listed on the best
35 practices registry of the American foundation for suicide prevention
36 and the suicide prevention resource center including, but not limited
37 to: Applied suicide intervention skills training; assessment and

1 management of suicide risk; recognizing and responding to suicide risk;
2 or question, persuade, respond, and treat; or

3 (b) A training program approved by the secretary that is
4 substantially equivalent to the training programs in (a) of this
5 subsection.

6 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.205.090 and 2001 c 251 s 30 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

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

11 (a) Completion of an educational program approved by the secretary
12 or successful completion of alternate training that meets established
13 criteria;

14 (b) Successful completion of an approved examination, based on core
15 competencies of chemical dependency counseling; ~~((and))~~

16 (c) Successful completion of an experience requirement that
17 establishes fewer hours of experience for applicants with higher levels
18 of relevant education. In meeting any experience requirement
19 established under this subsection, the secretary may not require more
20 than one thousand five hundred hours of experience in chemical
21 dependency counseling for applicants who are licensed under chapter
22 18.83 RCW or under chapter 18.79 RCW as advanced registered nurse
23 practitioners; and

24 (d)(i)(A) Successful completion of at least fifteen hours of
25 coursework in suicide assessment, treatment, and management as part of
26 his or her educational program or alternate training; or

27 (B) Completion of a suicide assessment, treatment, and management
28 training program no more than six years prior to applying for
29 certification under this section.

30 (ii) Nothing in this subsection (1)(d) may be interpreted to expand
31 or limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this
32 chapter.

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

35 (3) Applicants are subject to the grounds for denial of a
36 certificate or issuance of a conditional certificate under chapter
37 18.130 RCW.

1 (4) Certified chemical dependency professionals shall not be
2 required to be registered under chapter 18.19 RCW or licensed under
3 chapter 18.225 RCW.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 18.205 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) During the first full continuing competency reporting period
7 following the effective date of this section, a certified chemical
8 dependency professional who obtained his or her initial certification
9 prior to the effective date of this section shall complete a suicide
10 assessment, treatment, and management training program.

11 (2) All certified chemical dependency professionals shall complete
12 a suicide assessment, treatment, and management training program every
13 six years after:

14 (a) Initially completing a training program under subsection (1) of
15 this section; or

16 (b) Obtaining initial certification on or after the effective date
17 of this section.

18 (3) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment, and
19 management training program under this section count toward meeting any
20 continuing competency requirements established under this chapter.

21 (4) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to expand or limit
22 the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this chapter.

23 **Sec. 8.** RCW 18.225.010 and 2008 c 135 s 11 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
26 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

27 (1) "Advanced social work" means the application of social work
28 theory and methods including emotional and biopsychosocial assessment,
29 psychotherapy under the supervision of a licensed independent clinical
30 social worker, case management, consultation, advocacy, counseling, and
31 community organization.

32 (2) "Applicant" means a person who completes the required
33 application, pays the required fee, is at least eighteen years of age,
34 and meets any background check requirements and uniform disciplinary
35 act requirements.

1 (3) "Associate" means a prelicensure candidate who has a graduate
2 degree in a mental health field under RCW 18.225.090 and is gaining the
3 supervision and supervised experience necessary to become a licensed
4 independent clinical social worker, a licensed advanced social worker,
5 a licensed mental health counselor, or a licensed marriage and family
6 therapist.

7 (4) "Committee" means the Washington state mental health
8 counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers advisory
9 committee.

10 (5) "Department" means the department of health.

11 (6) "Disciplining authority" means the department.

12 (7) "Independent clinical social work" means the diagnosis and
13 treatment of emotional and mental disorders based on knowledge of human
14 development, the causation and treatment of psychopathology,
15 psychotherapeutic treatment practices, and social work practice as
16 defined in advanced social work. Treatment modalities include but are
17 not limited to diagnosis and treatment of individuals, couples,
18 families, groups, or organizations.

19 (8) "Marriage and family therapy" means the diagnosis and treatment
20 of mental and emotional disorders, whether cognitive, affective, or
21 behavioral, within the context of relationships, including marriage and
22 family systems. Marriage and family therapy involves the professional
23 application of psychotherapeutic and family systems theories and
24 techniques in the delivery of services to individuals, couples, and
25 families for the purpose of treating such diagnosed nervous and mental
26 disorders. The practice of marriage and family therapy means the
27 rendering of professional marriage and family therapy services to
28 individuals, couples, and families, singly or in groups, whether such
29 services are offered directly to the general public or through
30 organizations, either public or private, for a fee, monetary or
31 otherwise.

32 (9) "Mental health counseling" means the application of principles
33 of human development, learning theory, psychotherapy, group dynamics,
34 and etiology of mental illness and dysfunctional behavior to
35 individuals, couples, families, groups, and organizations, for the
36 purpose of treatment of mental disorders and promoting optimal mental
37 health and functionality. Mental health counseling also includes, but

1 is not limited to, the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental
2 and emotional disorders, as well as the application of a wellness model
3 of mental health.

4 (10) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
5 designee.

6 (11) "Suicide assessment, treatment, and management training
7 program" means:

8 (a) A training program in the assessment, treatment, and management
9 of suicide of at least six hours in length that is listed on the best
10 practices registry of the American foundation for suicide prevention
11 and the suicide prevention resource center including, but not limited
12 to: Applied suicide intervention skills training; assessment and
13 management of suicide risk; recognizing and responding to suicide risk;
14 or question, persuade, respond, and treat; or

15 (b) A training program approved by the secretary that is
16 substantially equivalent to the training programs in (a) of this
17 subsection.

18 **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.225.090 and 2008 c 141 s 1 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (1) The secretary shall issue a license to any applicant who
21 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that the applicant
22 meets the following education and experience requirements for the
23 applicant's practice area.

24 (a) Licensed social work classifications:

25 (i) Licensed advanced social worker:

26 (A) Graduation from a master's or doctorate social work educational
27 program accredited by the council on social work education and approved
28 by the secretary based upon nationally recognized standards;

29 (B) Successful completion of an approved examination;

30 (C) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.

31 The supervised experience requirement consists of a minimum of three
32 thousand two hundred hours with supervision by an approved supervisor
33 who has been licensed for at least two years. Of those supervised
34 hours:

35 (I) At least ninety hours must include direct supervision as
36 specified in this subsection by a licensed independent clinical social

1 worker, a licensed advanced social worker, or an equally qualified
2 licensed mental health professional. Of those hours of directly
3 supervised experience:

4 (1) At least fifty hours must include supervision by a licensed
5 advanced social worker or licensed independent clinical social worker;
6 the other forty hours may be supervised by an equally qualified
7 licensed mental health practitioner; and

8 (2) At least forty hours must be in one-to-one supervision and
9 fifty hours may be in one-to-one supervision or group supervision;

10 (II) Distance supervision is limited to forty supervision hours;
11 and

12 (III) Eight hundred hours must be in direct client contact; and

13 (D) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
14 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

15 (ii) Licensed independent clinical social worker:

16 (A) Graduation from a master's or doctorate level social work
17 educational program accredited by the council on social work education
18 and approved by the secretary based upon nationally recognized
19 standards;

20 (B) Successful completion of an approved examination;

21 (C) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.

22 The supervised experience requirement consists of a minimum of four
23 thousand hours of experience, over a three-year period, with
24 supervision by an approved supervisor who has been licensed for at
25 least two years and, as specified in this subsection, may be either a
26 licensed independent clinical social worker who has had at least one
27 year of experience in supervising the clinical social work of others or
28 an equally qualified licensed mental health practitioner. Of those
29 supervised hours:

30 (I) At least one thousand hours must be direct client contact;

31 (II) Hours of direct supervision must include:

32 (1) At least one hundred thirty hours by a licensed mental health
33 practitioner;

34 (2) At least seventy hours of supervision with a licensed
35 independent clinical social worker meeting the qualifications under
36 this subsection (1)(a)(ii)(C); the other sixty hours may be supervised
37 by an equally qualified licensed mental health practitioner; and

1 (3) At least sixty hours must be in one-to-one supervision and
2 seventy hours may be in one-to-one supervision or group supervision;
3 and

4 (III) Distance supervision is limited to sixty supervision hours;
5 and

6 (D) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
7 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

8 (b) Licensed mental health counselor:

9 (i) Graduation from a master's or doctoral level educational
10 program in mental health counseling or a related discipline from a
11 college or university approved by the secretary based upon nationally
12 recognized standards;

13 (ii) Successful completion of an approved examination;

14 (iii) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.
15 The experience requirement consists of a minimum of thirty-six months
16 full-time counseling or three thousand hours of postgraduate mental
17 health counseling under the supervision of a qualified licensed mental
18 health counselor or equally qualified licensed mental health
19 practitioner, in an approved setting. The three thousand hours of
20 required experience includes a minimum of one hundred hours spent in
21 immediate supervision with the qualified licensed mental health
22 counselor, and includes a minimum of one thousand two hundred hours of
23 direct counseling with individuals, couples, families, or groups; and

24 (iv) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
25 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

26 (c) Licensed marriage and family therapist:

27 (i) Graduation from a master's degree or doctoral degree
28 educational program in marriage and family therapy or graduation from
29 an educational program in an allied field equivalent to a master's
30 degree or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy approved by
31 the secretary based upon nationally recognized standards;

32 (ii) Successful passage of an approved examination;

33 (iii) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.
34 The experience requirement consists of a minimum of two calendar years
35 of full-time marriage and family therapy. Of the total supervision,
36 one hundred hours must be with a licensed marriage and family therapist
37 with at least five years' clinical experience; the other one hundred

1 hours may be with an equally qualified licensed mental health
2 practitioner. Total experience requirements include:

3 (A) A minimum of three thousand hours of experience, one thousand
4 hours of which must be direct client contact; at least five hundred
5 hours must be gained in diagnosing and treating couples and families;
6 plus

7 (B) At least two hundred hours of qualified supervision with a
8 supervisor. At least one hundred of the two hundred hours must be one-
9 on-one supervision, and the remaining hours may be in one-on-one or
10 group supervision.

11 Applicants who have completed a master's program accredited by the
12 commission on accreditation for marriage and family therapy education
13 of the American association for marriage and family therapy may be
14 credited with five hundred hours of direct client contact and one
15 hundred hours of formal meetings with an approved supervisor; and

16 (iv) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
17 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

18 (2)(a) Every applicant under this section shall demonstrate to the
19 satisfaction of the secretary:

20 (i) Successful completion of at least fifteen hours of coursework
21 in suicide assessment, treatment, and management as part of his or her
22 educational program or alternate training; or

23 (ii) Completion of a suicide assessment, treatment, and management
24 training program no more than six years prior to applying for licensure
25 under this section.

26 (b) Nothing in this subsection (2) may be interpreted to expand or
27 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this
28 chapter.

29 (3) The department shall establish by rule what constitutes
30 adequate proof of meeting the criteria.

31 ~~((+3))~~ (4) In addition, applicants shall be subject to the grounds
32 for denial of a license or issuance of a conditional license under
33 chapter 18.130 RCW.

34 **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.225.150 and 2008 c 135 s 14 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1) The secretary shall establish by rule the procedural
37 requirements and fees for renewal of a license or associate license.

1 Failure to renew shall invalidate the license or associate license and
2 all privileges granted by the license. (~~If an associate license has~~
3 ~~lapsed, the person shall submit an updated declaration, in accordance~~
4 ~~with rules adopted by the department, that the person is working toward~~
5 ~~full licensure.~~) If a license has lapsed for a period longer than
6 three years, the person shall demonstrate competence to the
7 satisfaction of the secretary by taking continuing education courses,
8 or meeting other standards determined by the secretary. If an
9 associate license has lapsed, the person shall submit an updated
10 declaration, in accordance with rules adopted by the department, that
11 the person is working toward full licensure.

12 (2)(a) During the first full continuing education reporting period
13 following the effective date of this section, a person licensed under
14 this chapter who obtained his or her initial license prior to the
15 effective date of this section shall complete a suicide assessment,
16 treatment, and management training program.

17 (b) All persons licensed under this chapter shall complete a
18 suicide assessment, treatment, and management training program every
19 six years after:

20 (i) Initially completing a training program under (a) of this
21 subsection; or

22 (ii) Obtaining an initial license on or after the effective date of
23 this section.

24 (c) This subsection (2) does not apply to associate licenses.

25 (d) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment, and
26 management training program under this section shall count toward
27 meeting any continuing education requirements established under this
28 chapter.

29 (e) Nothing in this subsection (2) may be interpreted to expand or
30 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this
31 chapter.

32 **Sec. 11.** RCW 18.83.010 and 1994 c 35 s 1 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 When used in this chapter:

35 (1) "Board" means the examining board of psychology.

36 (2) "Department" means the department of health.

1 (3) The "practice of psychology" means the observation, evaluation,
2 interpretation, and modification of human behavior by the application
3 of psychological principles, methods, and procedures for the purposes
4 of preventing or eliminating symptomatic or maladaptive behavior and
5 promoting mental and behavioral health. It includes, but is not
6 limited to, providing the following services to individuals, families,
7 groups, organizations, and the public, whether or not payment is
8 received for services rendered:

9 (a) Psychological measurement, assessment, and evaluation by means
10 of psychological, neuropsychological, and psychoeducational testing;

11 (b) Diagnosis and treatment of mental, emotional, and behavioral
12 disorders, and psychological aspects of illness, injury, and
13 disability; and

14 (c) Counseling and guidance, psychotherapeutic techniques,
15 remediation, health promotion, and consultation within the context of
16 established psychological principles and theories.

17 This definition does not include the teaching of principles of
18 psychology for accredited educational institutions, or the conduct of
19 research in problems of human or animal behavior.

20 Nothing in this definition shall be construed as permitting the
21 administration or prescribing of drugs or in any way infringing upon
22 the practice of medicine and surgery as defined in chapter 18.71 RCW.

23 ~~((+2))~~ (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

24 ~~((-3) "Board" means the examining board of psychology.~~

25 ~~(4) "Department" means the department of health.)~~ (5) "Suicide
26 assessment, treatment, and management training program" means:

27 (a) A training program in the assessment, treatment, and management
28 of suicide of at least six hours in length that is listed on the best
29 practices registry of the American foundation for suicide prevention
30 and the suicide prevention resource center including, but not limited
31 to: Applied suicide intervention skills training; assessment and
32 management of suicide risk; recognizing and responding to suicide risk;
33 or question, persuade, respond, and treat; or

34 (b) A training program approved by the board that is substantially
35 equivalent to the training programs in (a) of this subsection.

36 **Sec. 12.** RCW 18.83.070 and 2004 c 262 s 9 are each amended to read
37 as follows:

1 An applicant for a license as "psychologist" must submit proof to
2 the board that:

3 (1) The applicant is of good moral character.

4 (2) The applicant holds a doctoral degree from a regionally
5 accredited institution, obtained from an integrated program of graduate
6 study in psychology as defined by rules of the board.

7 (3) The applicant has had no fewer than two years of supervised
8 experience. The board shall adopt rules defining the circumstances
9 under which supervised experience shall qualify the candidate for
10 licensure.

11 (4) The applicant has passed the examination or examinations
12 required by the board.

13 (5)(a) The applicant has:

14 (i) Successfully completed at least fifteen hours of coursework in
15 suicide assessment, treatment, and management as part of his or her
16 doctoral program; or

17 (ii) Completed a suicide assessment, treatment, and management
18 training program no more than six years prior to applying for licensure
19 under this section.

20 (b) Nothing in this subsection (5) may be interpreted to expand or
21 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this
22 chapter.

23 Any person holding a valid license to practice psychology in the
24 state of Washington on June 7, 1984, shall be considered licensed under
25 this chapter.

26 **Sec. 13.** RCW 18.83.090 and 2009 c 492 s 6 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

28 (1) The board shall establish rules governing mandatory continuing
29 education requirements which shall be met by any psychologist applying
30 for a license renewal.

31 (2) The office of crime victims advocacy shall supply the board
32 with information on methods of recognizing victims of human
33 trafficking, what services are available for these victims, and where
34 to report potential trafficking situations. The information supplied
35 must be culturally sensitive and must include information relating to
36 minor victims. The board shall disseminate this information to
37 licensees (~~by~~): By providing the information on the board's web

1 site; including the information in newsletters; by holding trainings at
2 meetings attended by organization members; or through another
3 distribution method determined by the board. The board shall report to
4 the office of crime victims advocacy on the method or methods it uses
5 to distribute information under this subsection.

6 (3) Administrative procedures, administrative requirements, and
7 fees for renewal and reissue of licenses shall be established as
8 provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.

9 (4)(a) During the first full continuing education reporting period
10 following the effective date of this section, a licensed psychologist
11 who obtained his or her initial certification prior to the effective
12 date of this section shall complete a suicide assessment, treatment,
13 and management training program.

14 (b) All licensed psychologists shall complete a suicide assessment,
15 treatment, and management training program every six years after:

16 (i) Initially completing a training program under (a) of this
17 subsection; or

18 (ii) Obtaining an initial license on or after the effective date of
19 this section.

20 (c) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment, and
21 management training program under this section count toward meeting any
22 continuing education requirements established under this chapter.

23 (d) Nothing in this subsection (4) may be interpreted to expand or
24 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this
25 chapter.

26 **Sec. 14.** RCW 18.79.020 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 402 are each amended
27 to read as follows:

28 Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the
29 definitions set forth in this section apply throughout this chapter.

30 (1) "Commission" means the Washington state nursing care quality
31 assurance commission.

32 (2) "Department" means the department of health.

33 ~~(3) ("Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's~~
34 ~~designee.~~

35 ~~(4))~~ "Diagnosis," in the context of nursing practice, means the
36 identification of, and discrimination between, the person's physical

1 and psychosocial signs and symptoms that are essential to effective
2 execution and management of the nursing care regimen.

3 ~~((+5))~~ (4) "Diploma" means written official verification of
4 completion of an approved nursing education program.

5 ~~((+6))~~ (5) "Nurse" or "nursing," unless otherwise specified as a
6 practical nurse or practical nursing, means a registered nurse or
7 registered nursing.

8 (6) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
9 designee.

10 (7) "Suicide assessment, treatment, and management training
11 program" means:

12 (a) A training program in the assessment, treatment, and management
13 of suicide of at least six hours in length that is listed on the best
14 practices registry of the American foundation for suicide prevention
15 and the suicide prevention resource center including, but not limited
16 to: Applied suicide intervention skills training; assessment and
17 management of suicide risk; recognizing and responding to suicide risk;
18 or question, persuade, respond, and treat; or

19 (b) A training program approved by the commission that is
20 substantially equivalent to the training programs in (a) of this
21 subsection.

22 **Sec. 15.** RCW 18.79.160 and 2004 c 262 s 6 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 (1) An applicant for a license to practice as a registered nurse
25 shall submit to the commission:

26 (a) An attested written application on a department form;

27 (b) An official transcript demonstrating graduation and successful
28 completion of an approved program of nursing; and

29 (c) Any other official records specified by the commission.

30 (2) An applicant for a license to practice as an advanced
31 registered nurse practitioner shall submit to the commission:

32 (a) An attested written application on a department form;

33 (b) An official transcript demonstrating graduation and successful
34 completion of an advanced registered nurse practitioner program meeting
35 criteria established by the commission; ~~((and))~~

36 (c)(i) For an applicant who intends to practice as a psychiatric

1 advanced registered nurse practitioner, proof acceptable to the
2 commission that he or she has:

3 (A) Successfully completed at least fifteen hours of coursework in
4 suicide assessment, treatment, and management at his or her advanced
5 registered nurse practitioner program; or

6 (B) Completed a suicide assessment, treatment, and management
7 training program no more than six years prior to applying for licensure
8 under this section.

9 (ii) Nothing in this subsection (2)(c) may be interpreted to expand
10 or limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this
11 chapter; and

12 (d) Any other official records specified by the commission.

13 (3) An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical
14 nurse shall submit to the commission:

15 (a) An attested written application on a department form;

16 (b) Written official evidence that the applicant is over the age of
17 eighteen;

18 (c) An official transcript demonstrating graduation and successful
19 completion of an approved practical nursing program, or its equivalent;
20 and

21 (d) Any other official records specified by the commission.

22 (4) At the time of submission of the application, the applicant for
23 a license to practice as a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse
24 practitioner, or licensed practical nurse must not be in violation of
25 chapter 18.130 RCW or this chapter.

26 (5) The commission shall establish by rule the criteria for
27 evaluating the education of all applicants.

28 **Sec. 16.** RCW 18.79.210 and 1996 c 191 s 63 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) A license issued under this chapter must be renewed, except as
31 provided in this chapter. The licensee shall comply with
32 administrative procedures, administrative requirements, and fees as
33 determined under RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.

34 (2) The commission shall request advanced registered nurse
35 practitioners to inform the commission whether they practice as
36 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners at the time of
37 license renewal.

1 (3)(a) During the first full continuing education reporting period
2 following the effective date of this section, an advanced registered
3 nurse practitioner who identifies himself or herself as a psychiatric
4 advanced registered nurse practitioner under subsection (2) of this
5 section and who obtained his or her initial licensure prior to the
6 effective date of this section shall complete a suicide assessment,
7 treatment, and management training program.

8 (b) All advanced registered nurse practitioners who have identified
9 themselves as psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners under
10 subsection (2) of this section shall complete a suicide assessment,
11 treatment, and management training program every six years after:

12 (i) Initially completing a training program under (a) of this
13 subsection; or

14 (ii) Obtaining an initial license on or after the effective date of
15 this section.

16 (c) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment, and
17 management training program under this section count toward meeting any
18 continuing education requirements established under this chapter.

19 (d) Nothing in this subsection (3) may be interpreted to expand or
20 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this
21 chapter.

22 **Sec. 17.** RCW 18.57.001 and 1996 c 178 s 2 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 As used in this chapter:

25 (1) "Board" means the Washington state board of osteopathic
26 medicine and surgery;

27 (2) "Department" means the department of health;

28 (3) (~~"Secretary" means the secretary of health; and~~

29 ~~+4+)) "Osteopathic medicine and surgery" means the use of any and~~
30 ~~all methods in the treatment of disease, injuries, deformities, and all~~
31 ~~other physical and mental conditions in and of human beings, including~~
32 ~~the use of osteopathic manipulative therapy.~~

33 (5) "Secretary" means the secretary of health; and

34 (6) "Suicide assessment, treatment, and management training
35 program" means:

36 (a) A training program in the assessment, treatment, and management
37 of suicide of at least six hours in length that is listed on the best

1 practices registry of the American foundation for suicide prevention
2 and the suicide prevention resource center including, but not limited
3 to: Applied suicide intervention skills training; assessment and
4 management of suicide risk; recognizing and responding to suicide risk;
5 or question, persuade, respond, and treat; or

6 (b) A training program approved by the board that is substantially
7 equivalent to the training programs in (a) of this subsection.

8 **Sec. 18.** RCW 18.57.020 and 1991 c 160 s 3 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) A license shall be issued by the secretary authorizing the
11 holder to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery. In order to
12 procure a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, the
13 applicant must provide the board evidence that a diploma has been
14 issued to the applicant by an accredited school of osteopathic medicine
15 and surgery, approved by the board. The application shall be made upon
16 a form prepared by the secretary, with the approval of the board, and
17 it shall contain such information concerning said osteopathic medical
18 instruction and the preliminary education of the applicant as the board
19 may by rule provide. Applicants who have failed to meet the
20 requirements must be rejected.

21 (2) An applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine and
22 surgery must furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she
23 has served for not less than one year in a postgraduate training
24 program approved by the board.

25 (3) In addition, the applicant may be required to furnish evidence
26 satisfactory to the board that he or she is physically and mentally
27 capable of safely carrying on the practice of osteopathic medicine and
28 surgery. The board may require any applicant to submit to such
29 examination or examinations as it deems necessary to determine an
30 applicant's physical and/or mental capability to safely practice
31 osteopathic medicine and surgery. The applicant shall also show that
32 he or she has not been guilty of any conduct which would constitute
33 grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of such license under the
34 laws of the state of Washington.

35 (4) An applicant who intends to practice psychiatry is required to
36 have successfully completed at least fifteen hours of coursework in
37 suicide assessment, treatment, and management while obtaining his or

1 her diploma from an accredited school of osteopathic medicine and
2 surgery or to have completed a suicide assessment, treatment, and
3 management training program no more than six years prior to applying
4 for licensure under this section. Nothing in this subsection (4) may
5 be interpreted to expand or limit the scope of practice of any
6 profession regulated by this chapter.

7 (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the
8 board from requiring such additional information from applicants as it
9 deems necessary.

10 (6) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any
11 applicant for licensure, or any licensee, as a requisite of retaining
12 or renewing licensure under this chapter, to be a member of any
13 political and/or professional organization.

14 **Sec. 19.** RCW 18.57.050 and 1996 c 191 s 36 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The board may establish rules and regulations governing
17 mandatory continuing education requirements which shall be met by
18 physicians applying for renewal of licenses.

19 (2) The board shall request licensees to inform the board whether
20 they practice as psychiatrists at the time of license renewal.

21 (3) Administrative procedures, administrative requirements, and
22 fees for applications and renewals shall be established as provided in
23 RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. The board shall determine prerequisites
24 for relicensing.

25 (4)(a) During the first full continuing education reporting period
26 following the effective date of this section, an osteopathic physician
27 and surgeon who identifies himself or herself as a psychiatrist under
28 subsection (2) of this section and who obtained his or her initial
29 licensure prior to the effective date of this section shall complete a
30 suicide assessment, treatment, and management training program.

31 (b) All osteopathic physicians and surgeons who have identified
32 themselves as psychiatrists under subsection (2) of this section shall
33 complete a suicide assessment, treatment, and management training
34 program every six years after:

35 (i) Initially completing a training program under (a) of this
36 subsection; or

1 (ii) Obtaining an initial license on or after the effective date of
2 this section.

3 (c) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment, and
4 management training program under this section count toward meeting any
5 continuing education requirements established under this chapter.

6 (d) Nothing in this subsection (4) may be interpreted to expand or
7 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this
8 chapter.

9 **Sec. 20.** RCW 18.71.010 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 302 are each amended
10 to read as follows:

11 The following terms used in this chapter shall have the meanings
12 set forth in this section unless the context clearly indicates
13 otherwise:

14 (1) "Commission" means the Washington state medical quality
15 assurance commission.

16 (2) (~~("Secretary" means the secretary of health.)~~) "Emergency
17 medical care" or "emergency medical service" has the same meaning as in
18 chapter 18.73 RCW.

19 (3) "Resident physician" means an individual who has graduated from
20 a school of medicine which meets the requirements set forth in RCW
21 18.71.055 and is serving a period of postgraduate clinical medical
22 training sponsored by a college or university in this state or by a
23 hospital accredited by this state. For purposes of this chapter, the
24 term shall include individuals designated as intern or medical fellow.

25 (4) (~~("Emergency medical care" or "emergency medical service" has~~
26 ~~the same meaning as in chapter 18.73 RCW.)~~) "Secretary" means the
27 secretary of health.

28 (5) "Suicide assessment, treatment, and management training
29 program" means:

30 (a) A training program in the assessment, treatment, and management
31 of suicide of at least six hours in length that is listed on the best
32 practices registry of the American foundation for suicide prevention
33 and the suicide prevention resource center including, but not limited
34 to: Applied suicide intervention skills training; assessment and
35 management of suicide risk; recognizing and responding to suicide risk;
36 or question, persuade, respond, and treat; or

1 (b) A training program approved by the commission that is
2 substantially equivalent to the training programs in (a) of this
3 subsection.

4 **Sec. 21.** RCW 18.71.050 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 307 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Each applicant who has graduated from a school of medicine
7 located in any state, territory, or possession of the United States,
8 the District of Columbia, or the Dominion of Canada, shall file an
9 application for licensure with the commission on a form prepared by the
10 secretary with the approval of the commission. Each applicant shall
11 furnish proof satisfactory to the commission of the following:

12 (a) That the applicant has attended and graduated from a school of
13 medicine approved by the commission;

14 (b) That the applicant has completed two years of postgraduate
15 medical training in a program acceptable to the commission, provided
16 that applicants graduating before July 28, 1985, may complete only one
17 year of postgraduate medical training;

18 (c) That the applicant is of good moral character; ~~((and))~~

19 (d) That the applicant is physically and mentally capable of safely
20 carrying on the practice of medicine. The commission may require any
21 applicant to submit to such examination or examinations as it deems
22 necessary to determine an applicant's physical and/or mental capability
23 to safely practice medicine; and

24 (e)(i) That an applicant who intends to practice psychiatry has:

25 (A) Successfully completed at least fifteen hours of coursework in
26 suicide assessment, treatment, and management at his or her school of
27 medicine; or

28 (B) Completed a suicide assessment, treatment, and management
29 training program no more than eight years prior to applying for
30 licensure under this section.

31 (ii) Nothing in this subsection (1)(e) may be interpreted to expand
32 or limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this
33 chapter.

34 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the
35 commission from requiring such additional information from applicants
36 as it deems necessary. The issuance and denial of licenses are subject
37 to chapter 18.130 RCW, the Uniform Disciplinary Act.

1 **Sec. 22.** RCW 18.71.080 and 2011 c 178 s 1 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1)(a) Every person licensed to practice medicine in this state
4 shall pay licensing fees and renew his or her license in accordance
5 with administrative procedures and administrative requirements adopted
6 as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. A physician who resides
7 and practices in Washington and obtains or renews a retired active
8 license is exempt from licensing fees imposed under this section.

9 (b) The commission shall request licensees to submit information
10 about their current professional practice at the time of license
11 renewal. This information may include practice setting, medical
12 specialty, board certification, or other relevant data determined by
13 the commission.

14 (c) (~~A physician who resides and practices in Washington and~~
15 ~~obtains or renews a retired active license shall be exempt from~~
16 ~~licensing fees imposed under this section.)) The commission may
17 establish rules governing mandatory continuing education requirements
18 which shall be met by physicians applying for renewal of licenses. The
19 rules shall provide that mandatory continuing education requirements
20 may be met in part by physicians showing evidence of the completion of
21 approved activities relating to professional liability risk management.
22 The number of hours of continuing education for a physician holding a
23 retired active license shall not exceed fifty hours per year.~~

24 (d)(i) During the first full continuing education reporting period
25 following the effective date of this section, a physician who
26 identifies himself or herself as a psychiatrist under (b) of this
27 subsection and who obtained his or her initial licensure prior to the
28 effective date of this section shall complete a suicide assessment,
29 treatment, and management training program.

30 (ii) All physicians who have identified themselves as psychiatrists
31 under (b) of this subsection shall complete a suicide assessment,
32 treatment, and management training program every eight years after:

33 (A) Initially completing a training program under (d)(i) of this
34 subsection; or

35 (B) Obtaining an initial license on or after the effective date of
36 this section.

37 (iii) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment,

1 and management training program under this section count toward meeting
2 any continuing education requirements established under this chapter.

3 (iv) Nothing in this subsection (1)(d) may be interpreted to expand
4 or limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this
5 chapter.

6 (2) The office of crime victims advocacy shall supply the
7 commission with information on methods of recognizing victims of human
8 trafficking, what services are available for these victims, and where
9 to report potential trafficking situations. The information supplied
10 must be culturally sensitive and must include information relating to
11 minor victims. The commission shall disseminate this information to
12 licensees by: Providing the information on the commission's web site;
13 including the information in newsletters; holding trainings at meetings
14 attended by organization members; or another distribution method
15 determined by the commission. The commission shall report to the
16 office of crime victims advocacy on the method or methods it uses to
17 distribute information under this subsection.

18 (3) The commission, in its sole discretion, may permit an applicant
19 who has not renewed his or her license to be licensed without
20 examination if it is satisfied that such applicant meets all the
21 requirements for licensure in this state, and is competent to engage in
22 the practice of medicine.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. The secretary of health and the
24 disciplining authorities affected by this act shall adopt any rules
25 necessary to implement this act.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. Sections 1 through 21 of this act take
27 effect January 1, 2013.

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