

**WAC 246-811-045 Accumulation of experience.** (1) The department will consider experience in the field of substance use disorder counseling up to seven years prior to the date of application.

(2) Accumulation of the experience hours is not required to be consecutive.

(3) Experience that will count toward certification must meet the requirements outlined in WAC 246-811-046 through 246-811-049.

(4) Supervised experience is the practice as referred to in RCW 18.205.090 (1)(c) and is the experience received under an approved supervisor.

(5) A practicum or internship taken while acquiring the degree or semester/quarter hours is applicable.

(6) Applicants who have held an active substance use disorder credential for the past five consecutive years or more in another state or territory, without a disciplinary record or disqualifying criminal history, are deemed to have met the supervised experience requirements of this chapter for Washington state licensure.

[Statutory Authority: 2019 c 444, 2019 c 446, 2019 c 351, and RCW 18.19.050, 18.205.060, 18.225.040, 43.70.110, and 43.70.250. WSR 20-12-074, § 246-811-045, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.205.100 and 18.205.060. WSR 16-14-052, § 246-811-045, filed 6/29/16, effective 7/30/16. Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.205 RCW. WSR 09-14-111, § 246-811-045, filed 6/30/09, effective 7/1/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.205.060(1). WSR 99-13-084, § 246-811-045, filed 6/14/99, effective 7/15/99.]