

**WAC 246-851-245 Optometrist suicide prevention education.** A licensed optometrist or a retired active licensed optometrist shall complete a board-approved, one-time training in suicide prevention that is at least three hours in length. Training must include screening and referral.

(1) This training must be completed by the end of the first full continuing education reporting period after August 1, 2021, or during the first full continuing education reporting period after initial licensure, whichever is later.

(2) Training accepted by the board must be on the department's model list as authorized in WAC 246-12-601 through 246-12-650.

(3) Training completed between June 11, 2020, and August 1, 2021, that meets the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, is accepted as meeting the one-time training requirement of this section.

(4) The hours spent completing the training in suicide assessment under this section count toward meeting applicable continuing education requirements for optometrist license renewal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.54.070, 2020 c 229 and 2020 c 76. WSR 21-18-112, § 246-851-245, filed 8/31/21, effective 10/1/21.]