

WAC 246-811-240 Number of continuing education hours required.

(1) A certified substance use disorder professional must complete 28 hours of continuing education (CE) every two years.

(a) At least 14 hours must be completed in one or more of the topic areas as described in WAC 246-811-030 (3) (a) through (w).

(b) At least four hours must be in professional ethics and law.

(c) The additional 10 hours shall be in areas relating to the various phases of their professional career.

(d) The training in suicide assessment listed in subsection (2) of this section shall count towards meeting the CE requirements.

(e) The health equity training listed in WAC 246-811-290 shall count towards meeting the CE requirements.

(2) Once every six years a certified substance use disorder professional must complete at least three hours of training in suicide assessment, including screening and referral, as specified in WAC 246-811-280.

(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the first training must be completed during the first full CE reporting period after initial certification.

(b) An individual applying for initial certification as a substance use disorder professional may delay completion of the first required training for six years after initial certification if they can demonstrate completion of a three-hour training in suicide assessment, including screening and referral that:

(i) Was completed no more than six years prior to the application for initial certification; and

(ii) Meets the qualifications listed in WAC 246-811-280(1).

(3) After January 1, 2024, substance use disorder professionals are required to complete two hours of health equity training every four years as specified in WAC 246-811-290.

(4) Nothing in this section is intended to expand or limit the existing scope of practice of a certified substance use disorder professional or certified substance use disorder professional trainee credentialed under chapter 18.205 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.205.060 and 43.70.613. WSR 23-23-034, § 246-811-240, filed 11/3/23, effective 1/1/24. 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, § 246-811-240, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.442(7). WSR 14-09-102, § 246-811-240, filed 4/22/14, effective 4/22/14. Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.205 RCW. WSR 09-14-111, § 246-811-240, filed 6/30/09, effective 7/1/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.205.060(12). WSR 02-07-084, § 246-811-240, filed 3/19/02, effective 4/19/02.]