Draft Rule Language – Substance Use Disorder Professionals (WSR 22-03-052)

WAC 246-811-070

National certification.

(1) A person who is certified through the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) or the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC) as an alcohol and drug counselor (ADC) or advanced alcohol and drug counselor (AADC), is considered to meet the experience requirements of WAC <u>246-811-046</u>.

(2) A person who is certified through NAADAC or ICRC as an ADC or AADC is considered to have met the <u>education</u> requirements of WAC <u>**246-811-030**</u>(2). Verification of the additional forty-five quarter or thirty semester credits as required in WAC <u>**246-811-030**</u>(1) will be required upon application to the department.

(3) Verification of certification must be sent directly to the department from NAADAC or ICRC.

WAC 246-811-076

Eligibility for certification through alternative training.

A practitioner listed in subsections (1) through (7) of this section who holds an active license in good standing may apply for certification as a substance use disorder professional using alternative training under WAC <u>246-811-077</u> or <u>246-811-</u> <u>078</u>:

(1) Advanced registered nurse practitioner under chapter 18.79 RCW;

(2) Marriage and family therapists, mental health counselor, advanced social worker, or independent clinical social worker under chapter **18.225** RCW;

(3) Psychologist under chapter 18.83 RCW;

(4) Osteopathic physician under chapter **<u>18.57</u>** RCW;

(5) Osteopathic physician assistant under chapter **<u>18.57A</u>** RCW;

(6) Physician under chapter 18.71 RCW; or

(7) Physician assistant under chapter **<u>18.71A</u>** RCW; or

(8) Pharmacists under chapter XXX RCW.

WAC 246-811-300

Probationary license.

(1) The department shall issue a probationary license to out-of-state applicants seeking licensure in Washington state for substance use disorder professional according to the conditions and restrictions of the reciprocity program established RCW **18.205.140** and this chapter.

(2) The out-of-state license must be from a state or territory identified on a list published by the department as eligible for reciprocity for the purposes of a probationary license for the particular behavioral health profession.

(3) An initial probationary license is valid for one year. To receive an initial probationary license, the applicant must submit to the department a completed application to include:

(a) Verification of their out-of-state license; and

(b) The fee according to WAC 246-811-990.

(4) A probationary license may be renewed a single time and is valid for one year after the date of renewal. To renew a probationary license, the applicant must submit to the department a completed application to include:

(a) Completion of suicide assessment, treatment, and management according to WAC **<u>246-811-280</u>**(1); and

(b) AIDS education according to WAC 246-811-075; and

(c) The fee according to WAC 246-811-990.

(5) Continuing education. With the exception of the requirements in subsection (4) of this section, continuing education requirements will apply once a probationary licensee transitions to a full license.

(6) Approved supervision. If the department determines a probationary licensee must complete supervised hours of experience as a condition for full licensure, the licensee must complete the stated hours under an approved supervisor according to the conditions of this chapter.