



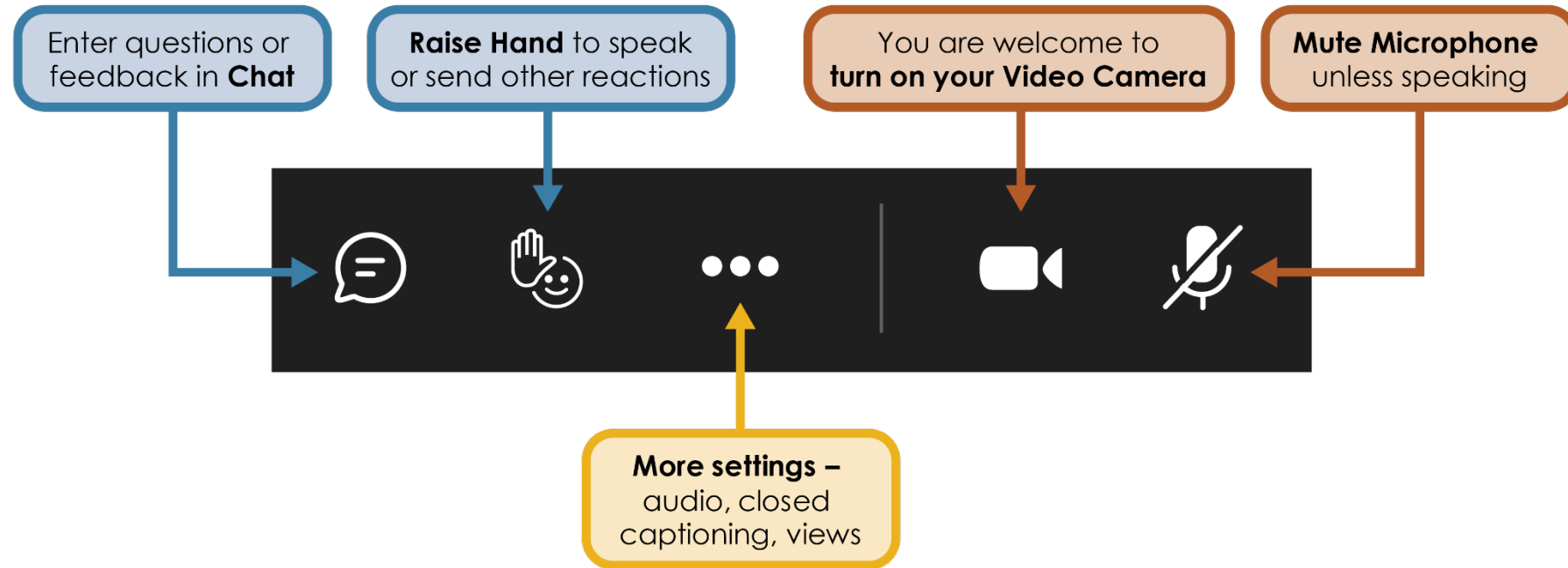
# RULES WORKSHOP: EDUCATION

Substance Use Disorder Professionals



# Introductions

# MS Teams Features We Will Use Today



## Tips

- Try to be present
- State your name before speaking
- Speak clearly

# Venues for Feedback

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## During Rules Workshops

- In the meeting chat
- Raising hand to speak
- Using Slido (specific slides)

Email the program manager ([claire.wilson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:claire.wilson@doh.wa.gov))

# Workshop Overview

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The Department of Health is working to implement recent legislation: House Bill 1724 (2023), House Bill 2247 (2024), and Senate Bill 6228 (2024)

- Must be implemented in permanent rule by July 1, 2025; emergency rules with some changes are already in place (June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

Goals of rulemaking:

- Reduce barriers to entering and remaining in the workforce (identified during listening sessions in 2023)
- Align WACs with recent statutory changes
- Review a petition to amend education requirements for SUDPs
- Temporarily reduce SUDP/T fees to \$100/year
- Seek feedback from the public about additional recommendations for SUDP rule changes

## Approximate Timeline

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File a new CR101 – completed April 2024

Rules workshops – Summer 2024

File CR102 – Fall/Winter 2024

Public Hearing – Winter/Spring 2025

File CR103 – Spring 2025

Permanent Rules in place – July 1, 2025



# Topics of Rulemaking

\*denotes statutory change

## Education Requirements (June 25<sup>th</sup>)

Expedited credentialing review for applicants with a degree in Addiction Studies or SUD Counseling

**Petition:** Requiring SUDP applicants to have an associate degree

## SUDP Trainee Requirements (June 26<sup>th</sup>)

\*Eliminating the limitation on SUDPT Renewals

\*Eliminating the requirement for SUDPTs to work in only state-licensed behavioral health agencies

Updating the SUDPT Attestation and/or requiring additional documents upon renewal of trainee credential

## Supervision Requirements (June 27<sup>th</sup>)

Reducing the requirement for approved supervisors to one year of fulltime work as a WA state certified SUDP

Introducing new supervision standards (requiring regular check ins, consistent individual & group supervision, etc.)

## Creating the Out of State Substantial Equivalency pathway\*

# SUDP Temporary Fee Changes

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SB 6228 creates a temporary fee cap of \$100 for all SUDP or SUDPTs from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2029.

- Fee cap is **temporary**: scheduled through June 30, 2029, and is subject to funding for the entire duration of the fee cap.
- Fee cap has only been funded for **one year** (through June 30, 2025). The Legislature will need to fund this fee cap again in 2025 and 2027 for it to last through 2029.

What will happen to SUDP/T fees after the temporary fee cap is over?

- Fees will return to the same amounts in the original fee schedule. Over time, in order to lower fees for this profession, the expense trends (disciplinary costs, legal fees, etc.) will need to significantly reduce.



# Out of State Substantial Equivalency

Creates new WAC 246-811-310

- (1) An applicant who has been credentialed as a substance use or addiction counselor in another state with substantially equivalent licensing standards, as determined by the department under RCW 18.130.077, is considered to meet:**
  - (a) the education requirements of WAC 246-811-030;**
  - (b) the examination requirements of WAC 246-811-060; and**
  - (c) the experience requirements of WACs 246-811-045 through 246-811-047.**
- (2) An applicant for substance use disorder professional under (1) of this section is eligible for out-of-state substantial equivalency if they:**
  - (a) Have held their credential in another state for at least two years immediately preceding their application, with no interruption in licensure lasting longer than 90 days;**
  - (b) Have not been subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or impairment in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction;**
  - (c) Are not subject to denial of license; and,**
  - (d) Are not under investigation or subject to charges in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction during the pendency of their application.**

# EDUCATION

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- Current minimum requirements: “An associate’s degree in human services or related field from an approved school; successful completion of 90 quarter or 60 semester college credits in courses from an approved school, or successful completion of an approved and registered apprenticeship program.”
- Emergency Rule Amendments:
  - Allows expedited credentialing review for applicants with a degree in SUD counseling or Addiction Studies
  - Creates out of state substantial equivalency education consideration: *“An Applicant who has been credentialed as an SUDP or Addiction counselor in another state with substantially equivalent licensing standards under WAC 246-811-310 is considered to meet the education requirements of this section.”*

# EDUCATION: PROPOSALS

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- Amend WAC 246-811-030(3)g: Change from “HIV/AIDS brief risk training” to “pathogen risk training”
- Amend WAC 246-811-030(1): Remove the option in (1)b to substitute coursework that does not result in an associate degree or higher.
  - Would require all applicants to complete an Associate degree or higher in human services or a related field

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**Should the department amend the language of WAC 246-811-030(3)g to "Pathogen Risk Training"?**

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**Should the department require all SUDP applicants to complete an associate degree or higher?**

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Additional Comments re: Education Requirements?

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

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CE Standards prior to Emergency Rules - **40 total hours:**

28 hours of CE as described in WAC 246-811-240

+ 12 hours of other professional development [WAC 246- 811-200(7)]

CE Standards with Emergency Rules (June 6, 2024) – **16 total hours:**

12 hours of CE

+ up to 4 hours of professional development

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**Rate these proposed changes with the following options:**

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## Questions or Additional Feedback?

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To submit additional written feedback directly to the department, please email the program manager, Claire Wilson: [claire.wilson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:claire.wilson@doh.wa.gov). The department will accept written feedback through September 1, 2024.

## Next Steps

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The department will compile the feedback received during this week's rulemaking workshops and begin incorporating it into new draft rule language.

Once this new draft language is completed, it will be posted to the [SUDP Website](#) and sent out via [GovDelivery](#). At that time, the department will schedule additional workshops to discuss the draft changes and solicit further feedback from the public.



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