



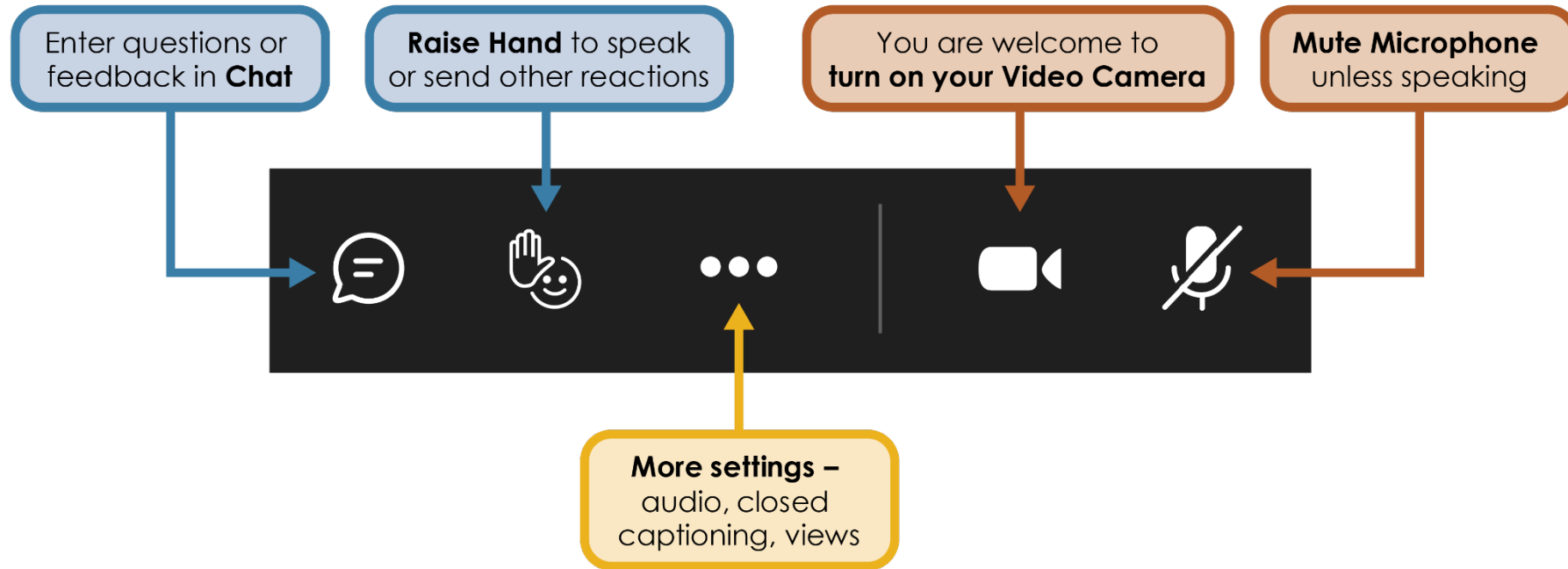
RULES WORKSHOP: TRAINEE REQUIREMENTS

Substance Use Disorder Professionals



Introductions

MS Teams Features We Will Use Today



Tips

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

Ways to provide Feedback

During Rules Workshops

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

Email the program manager (claire.wilson@doh.wa.gov)

Workshop Overview

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 6th, 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

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 25th)

- 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 26th)

- 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 27th)

- 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

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.

Helpful Context for today's workshop

- SUDPs and SUDPTs are consistently among the top-disciplined professions in behavioral health – check out the Health Professions [UDA Reports](#) online for more details.
- Disciplinary costs account for **nearly half** of the SUDP Program Budget, leading to higher credential fees.
- During the disciplinary process, department staff frequently hear the feedback from SUDPs or SUDPTs that, “I didn’t realize I wasn’t allowed to do that.”
- The highest number of reported violations occur in the following areas:
 - Standard of Care
 - Sexual Misconduct
 - Violation of regulations or rules



What are the best-practices available to increase support, transparency, and resource-awareness for this profession while we also work to reduce barriers to entering and remaining in the workforce?

Immediate SUDP Trainee Rules Changes

- 1) Eliminating the limitation on SUDP Trainee Renewals;
- 2) Eliminating the requirement for SUDP Trainees to work only in state-licensed behavioral health agencies;
- 3) Permitting SUDP Applicants to submit SUDPT supervised experience hours earned more than 7 years prior to their application date;
- 4) Amending the SUDP Trainee Attestation (WAC 246-811-035(2)a) requiring that an applicant attest that they are *currently* enrolled in an approved educational program...or have completed the educational requirements necessary for a SUDP; and
- 5) Permitting remote supervision for SUDPTs after the first 50 hours of face-to-face patient contact under direct observation of an approved supervisor has been completed.

Possible SUDPT changes – discussion

- Create a new Ethical Standards rule detailing the ethical requirements for this profession;
- Require a new Ethical Attestation to be submitted at initial application, OR at renewal of SUDPT credential;
- Establish a jurisprudence examination for SUDP/Ts, to be included in Continuing Education requirements;
- Require SUDPTs to turn in documentation of supervised experience and/or copies of transcripts at time of renewal;
- Establish Continuing Education requirements for SUDPTs (e.g., Law and Ethics, Dual Relationships, etc.);
- Create more rigorous supervision standards requiring consistent meetings between SUDPTs and their approved supervisor.
- Require SUDPTs to complete a college course in Law and Ethics prior to providing clinical services to patients

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Which of these options will best support SUDPTs as they enter the field? (Select all that apply)

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What are other suggestions to reduce barriers and increase support for trainees/professionals in the SUD field?

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Questions or Additional Feedback?

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

Next Steps

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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