

246-810-024

Counseling-related degrees that meet the requirements for certified counselor and certified adviser.

(1) ~~An applicant for a certified counselor credential must have a~~ counseling-related bachelor's degree ~~must be in a field specified in subsection (3) of this section~~ from an ~~approved-recognized~~ educational program or institution. The degree must have required the equivalent of at least four years of full-time study, ~~and at least one third of the courses must have included one or more of subjects listed in subsection (4) of this section.~~

(2) ~~An applicant for a certified adviser credential must have a~~ counseling-related associate degree ~~must be in a field specified in subsection (3) of this section~~ from an ~~approved-recognized~~ educational program or institution. The degree must have the equivalent of at least two years of full-time study and ~~include~~ a supervised internship. ~~At least one fourth of the required courses must have included one or more of the subjects listed in subsection (4) of this section.~~

~~(3) An advanced or graduate degree from a recognized educational program or institution in any of the subject areas listed in subsection (4) of this section will meet the education requirements for certified counselor or certified adviser.~~

~~(3) Fields recognized as related to counseling include but are not limited to:~~

~~(a) Counseling;~~

~~(b) Psychology;~~

~~(c) Social work;~~

~~(d) Behavioral science;~~

~~(e) Psychiatry and psychiatric nursing;~~

~~(f) Special education; and~~

~~(g) Substance use disorders.~~

~~(4) When an applicant's degree is not listed in subsection (3) of this section, the department shall determine if it's counseling-related under WAC 246-810-0241, based on coursework completed.~~

~~(4) Counseling-related subjects:~~

~~(a) Addiction counseling;~~

~~(b) Adolescent and child counseling;~~

~~(c) Anger management counseling;~~

~~(d) Applied behavioral science;~~

~~(e) Behavior management or behavior modification;~~

~~(f) Biofeedback;~~

~~(g) Child development;~~

~~(h) Clinical social work;~~

~~(i) Community mental health;
(j) Counseling persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities;
(k) Counseling ethics;
(l) Developmental psychology;
(m) Domestic violence counseling;
(n) Elder counseling;
(o) Grief counseling;
(p) Human development;
(q) Human services counseling;
(r) Learning disabilities counseling;
(s) Marriage and family counseling;
(t) Mental health counseling;
(u) Ministerial or pastoral counseling;
(v) Multicultural counseling;
(w) Organizational psychology;
(x) Personality theory;
(y) Physiological psychology;
(z) Psychiatry and psychiatric nursing;
(aa) Psychological measurement and research;
(bb) Psychology;
(cc) Psychopathology and abnormal psychology;
(dd) Sexual disorder counseling;
(ee) Social work;
(ff) Special education;
(gg) Stress disorder counseling;
(hh) Substance and chemical abuse counseling; and
(ii) Transpersonal psychology.~~

~~(5) The secretary may accept other equivalent counseling-related education or training programs in the subjects listed in subsection (4) of this section.~~

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Counseling-related coursework that meets the requirements for certified counselor and certified adviser.

(1) For certified counselors, an applicant's degree shall be considered as counseling-related if the degree contains at least 45 quarter, or 30 semester, college credits in counseling-related subjects listed in subsection (3) of this section.

(2) For certified advisers, an applicant's degree shall be considered as counseling-related if the degree contains at least 23 quarter, or 15 semester, college credits in counseling-related subjects listed in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) Counseling-related subjects include:

- (a) Addictive behavior counseling;
- (b) Anger management counseling;
- (c) Applied behavioral science;
- (d) Behavior management or behavior modification;
- (e) Biofeedback;
- (f) Career counseling;
- (g) Child development;
- (h) Clinical social work;
- (i) Community mental health;
- (j) Counseling children and adolescents;
- (k) Counseling ethics;
- (l) Crisis counseling and abuse;
- (m) Developmental psychology;
- (n) Elder counseling;
- (o) Grief counseling;
- (p) Human growth and development;
- (q) Human services counseling;
- (r) Developmental disability counseling;
- (s) Marriage and family counseling;
- (t) Mental health counseling;
- (u) Ministerial or pastoral counseling;
- (v) Multicultural considerations in counseling;
- (w) Organizational psychology;
- (x) Personality theory;
- (y) Physiological psychology;
- (z) Psychiatry and psychiatric nursing;
- (aa) Psychological measurement and research;
- (bb) Psychology;
- (cc) Psychopathology and abnormal psychology;
- (dd) Sexuality and counseling;
- (ee) Social work;
- (ff) Special education;
- (gg) Stress disorder counseling;
- (hh) Substance use counseling; and
- (ii) Transpersonal psychology.