

246-810-0156 Continuing education requirements for agency affiliated counselors.

(1) Each year, an agency affiliated counselor shall complete at least the following amount of continuing education training, listed on the department's program website:

(a) 1.5 hours on law and ethics; and

(b) 1.5 hours on professional boundaries and sexual misconduct.

(2) Every four years, an agency affiliated counselor shall complete at least two hours of health equity education that complies with requirements in WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830.

(3) Every six years, an agency affiliated counselor shall complete at least a three-hour training on suicide assessment, including screening and referral, listed on the department's model list or provided by an approved agency under WAC 246-810-016.

246-810-0157 Additional training requirements.

A counselor who provides clinical services through telemedicine as defined in RCW 70.41.020 shall complete a onetime telemedicine training that complies with RCW 43.70.495.

246-810-0158 Qualifying continuing education and documentation requirements.

(1) Qualifying continuing education (CE) for an agency affiliated counselor:

(a) Must be approved by an industry-recognized local, state, national, or international organization or institution of higher learning under WAC 246-810-0293; or

(b) May be provided by an approved agency under WAC 246-810-016 if the training was accredited by one of the listed agencies in WAC 246-810-0293.

(2) An agency affiliated counselor shall maintain CE documentation, including documentation for employer-provided CE trainings, for at least six years. Documentation must include the dates the CE took place, the number of hours of CE credit, and, if appropriate, the title of the course, the location of the course, and

the name of the instructor. If the activity's relevance to the profession is not apparent based on the title, the agency affiliated counselor shall submit documentation describing the content.

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