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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the issuance of substance use
2 disorder professional certifications to persons participating in
3 apprenticeship programs; amending RCW 18.205.095 and 18.205.090;
4 adding a new section to chapter 49.04 RCW; and creating a new
5 section.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.205.095 and 2019 c 444 s 6 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The secretary shall issue a trainee certificate to any
10 applicant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that
11 he or she is working toward the education and experience requirements
12 in RCW 18.205.090.

13 (2) A trainee certified under this section shall submit to the
14 secretary for approval a declaration, in accordance with rules
15 adopted by the department, that he or she is enrolled in an approved
16 education program or an apprenticeship program registered and
17 approved under chapter 49.04 RCW and approved by the secretary, and
18 actively pursuing the experience requirements in RCW 18.205.090. This
19 declaration must be updated with the trainee's annual renewal.

20 (3) A trainee certified under this section may practice only
21 under the supervision of a certified substance use disorder

1 professional. The first fifty hours of any face-to-face client
2 contact must be under direct observation. All remaining experience
3 must be under supervision in accordance with rules adopted by the
4 department.

5 (4) A certified substance use disorder professional trainee
6 provides substance use disorder assessments, counseling, and case
7 management with a state regulated agency and can provide clinical
8 services to patients consistent with his or her education, training,
9 and experience as approved by his or her supervisor.

10 (5) A trainee certification may only be renewed four times.

11 (6) Applicants are subject to denial of a certificate or issuance
12 of a conditional certificate for the reasons set forth in chapter
13 18.130 RCW.

14 (7) As of July 28, 2019, a person certified under this chapter
15 holding the title of chemical dependency professional trainee is
16 considered to hold the title of substance use disorder professional
17 trainee until such time as the person's present certification expires
18 or is renewed.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.205.090 and 2019 c 444 s 5 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (1) The secretary shall issue a certificate to any applicant who
22 demonstrates to the secretary's satisfaction that the following
23 requirements have been met:

24 (a) Completion of an educational program approved by the
25 secretary, an apprenticeship program registered and approved under
26 chapter 49.04 RCW and approved by the secretary, or successful
27 completion of alternate training that meets established criteria;

28 (b) Successful completion of an approved examination, based on
29 core competencies of substance use disorder counseling; and

30 (c) Successful completion of an experience requirement that
31 establishes fewer hours of experience for applicants with higher
32 levels of relevant education. In meeting any experience requirement
33 established under this subsection, the secretary may not require more
34 than one thousand five hundred hours of experience in substance use
35 disorder counseling for applicants who are licensed under chapter
36 18.83 RCW or under chapter 18.79 RCW as advanced registered nurse
37 practitioners.

38 (2) The secretary shall establish by rule what constitutes
39 adequate proof of meeting the criteria.

1 (3) Applicants are subject to the grounds for denial of a
2 certificate or issuance of a conditional certificate under chapter
3 18.130 RCW.

4 (4) Certified substance use disorder professionals shall not be
5 required to be registered under chapter 18.19 RCW or licensed under
6 chapter 18.225 RCW.

7 (5) As of July 28, 2019, a person certified under this chapter
8 holding the title of chemical dependency professional is considered
9 to hold the title of substance use disorder professional until such
10 time as the person's present certification expires or is renewed.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 49.04
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 Educational requirements for an apprenticeship for substance use
14 disorder professionals must be defined by the secretary of health
15 under RCW 18.205.100.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department of health may adopt any
17 rules necessary to implement this act.

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