

WAC 246-918-185 Training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. (1) A licensed physician assistant must complete a one-time training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. The training must be at least six hours in length and may be completed in one or more sessions.

(2) The training must be completed by the end of the first full continuing education reporting period after January 1, 2016, or during the first full continuing education period after initial licensure, whichever occurs later, or during the first full continuing education reporting period after the exemption in subsection (6) of this section no longer applies. The commission accepts training completed between June 12, 2014, and January 1, 2016, that meets the requirements of RCW 43.70.442 as meeting the one-time training requirement.

(3) Until July 1, 2017, the commission must approve the training. The commission will approve an empirically supported training in suicide assessment, suicide treatment, and suicide management that meets the requirements of RCW 43.70.442.

(4) Beginning July 1, 2017, the training must be on the model list developed by the department of health under RCW 43.70.442. The establishment of the model list does not affect the validity of training completed prior to July 1, 2017.

(5) The hours spent completing training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management count toward meeting applicable continuing education requirements in the same category specified in WAC 246-918-180.

(6) The commission exempts any licensed physician assistant from the training requirements of this section if the physician assistant has only brief or limited patient contact, or no patient contact.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.71.017 and 43.70.442. WSR 17-07-044, § 246-918-185, filed 3/8/17, effective 4/8/17.]