

WAC 246-809-330 Supervised postgraduate experience requirements.

(1) Licensed advanced social worker. The supervised experience requirement consists of a minimum of three thousand two hundred hours with ninety hours of supervision by a licensed independent clinical social worker or a licensed advanced social worker who has been licensed or certified for at least two years. Of those hours:

(a) Eight hundred hours must be in direct client contact;

(b) Ninety hours must be in direct supervision as follows:

(i) Fifty hours must include direct supervision by a licensed advanced social worker or licensed independent clinical social worker; these hours may be in one-to-one supervision or group supervision;

(ii) Forty hours may be with an equally qualified licensed mental health practitioner as defined in WAC 246-809-310(3). These hours must be in one-to-one supervision.

(c) Distance supervision is limited to forty supervision hours.

(2) Licensed independent clinical social worker: The experience requirement consists of a minimum of four thousand hours of experience, over a period of not less than three years. Of those four thousand hours:

(a) One thousand hours must be direct client contact supervised by a licensed independent clinical social worker;

(b) One hundred thirty hours of direct supervision as follows:

(i) Seventy hours must be with an independent clinical social worker;

(ii) Sixty hours may be with an equally qualified licensed mental health practitioner as defined in WAC 246-809-310(3);

(iii) Sixty hours of the one hundred thirty hours of direct supervision must be in one-to-one supervision. The remaining seventy hours may be in one-to-one supervision or group supervision; and

(iv) Distance supervision is limited to sixty supervision hours.

(3) Licensed social worker associate-advanced and licensed social worker associate-independent clinical applicants are not required to have supervised postgraduate experience prior to becoming an associate.

(4) Licensed social worker associate-advanced and licensed social worker associate-independent clinical applicants must declare they are working toward full licensure.

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