

**WAC 246-810-0221 Qualifications to become a certified counselor.**

(1) Until July 1, 2010, an applicant for certified counselor who has been a registered counselor for a minimum of five years must:

(a) Hold a valid, active registration that is in good standing or be in compliance with any disciplinary process and orders;

(b) Show evidence of having completed at least six clock hours of course work that included risk assessment, ethics, appropriate screening using the global assessment of functioning scale, client referral, and Washington state law;

(c) Pass an examination in risk assessment, ethics, appropriate screening using the global assessment of functioning scale, client referral, and Washington state law; and

(d) Have a written consultation agreement which meets the requirements in WAC 246-810-025 with a credential holder who meets the qualifications to be a consultant in WAC 246-810-026.

(2) Unless eligible for certification under subsection (1)(a) of this section, applicants for a certified counselor must:

(a) Have a bachelor's degree in a counseling-related field, as defined in WAC 246-810-024;

(b) Pass an examination in risk assessment, ethics, and appropriate screening using the global assessment of functioning scale, client referral, and Washington state law; and

(c) Have a written supervisory agreement which meets the requirements in WAC 246-810-025 with a credential holder who meets the qualifications to be a supervisor in WAC 246-810-026.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.19.050 and chapter 18.19 RCW. WSR 09-15-041, § 246-810-0221, filed 7/8/09, effective 7/8/09.]