

WAC 246-924-255 Suicide intervention training standards. (1) An approved training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management must:

(a) Cover training in suicide assessment, including screening and referral, suicide treatment, and suicide management;

(b) Be provided by a single provider and must be at least six hours in length, which may be provided in one or more sessions; and

(c) Be on the department's model list developed in accordance with RCW 43.70.442. Nothing in this section invalidates trainings completed according to this chapter before July 1, 2017.

(2) A licensed psychologist who is a state or local government employee is exempt from the requirements of this section if he or she receives a total of at least six hours of training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management from his or her employer every six years. For purposes of this subsection, the training may be provided in one six-hour block or may be spread among shorter training sessions at the employer's discretion.

(3) A licensed psychologist who is an employee of a community mental health agency licensed under chapter 71.24 RCW or a chemical dependency program certified under chapter 70.96A RCW is exempt from the requirements of this section if he or she receives a total of at least six hours of training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management from his or her employer every six years. For purposes of this subsection, the training may be provided in one six-hour block or may be spread among shorter training sessions at the employer's discretion.

(4) A licensed psychologist who obtained training under subsection (2) or (3) of this section may obtain continuing education credit for that training subject to documentation as defined in WAC 246-924-300.

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