

WAC 246-924-255 Suicide intervention training standards. (1)

Each licensed psychologist must, at least once every six years, complete training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management.

(2) 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.

(3) A licensed psychologist who is a state or local government employee is exempt from the requirements of subsection (2) of this section if the psychologist receives a total of at least six hours of training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management from their 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 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 subsection (2) of this section if the psychologist receives a total of at least six hours of training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management from an 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.

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

(6) Beginning July 1, 2021, a licensed psychologist's second training must be a qualifying advanced training or training in treatment modalities shown to be effective in working with people who are suicidal, developed under RCW 43.70.442 and listed on the department's model list.

(7) If a licensed psychologist has already completed the psychologist's second training prior to July 1, 2021, the psychologist's next training must comply with subsection (6) of this section.

(8) The requirements listed in subsection (6) of this section do not apply if the licensee demonstrates that the training required is not reasonably available.

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