

**WAC 246-821-200 Supervised experience requirements.** (1) To be eligible for certification as a behavioral health support specialist, a student shall complete a BHSS practicum or BHSS apprenticeship on-the-job training that:

(a) Provides practical instruction that reinforces BHSS competencies and clinical skills listed in WAC 246-821-110;

(b) Allows the student to participate in a clinical environment, observe providers treating clients, and provide direct client care under supervision; and

(c) Is supervised by a practicum supervisor, consistent with WAC 246-821-210 and 246-821-215.

(2) A clinical environment is a practice setting where a student is supervised by a provider eligible under WAC 246-821-215. A clinical environment is not limited to a traditional clinic setting and may include outreach, co-response, crisis response, or other settings in which a clinical provider is providing behavioral health services.

(3) The minimum amount of practicum or on-the-job experience for a BHSS credential is at least 240 hours, completed over a period of at least five months.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.227.020, chapter 18.227 RCW, and 2023 c 270. WSR 24-21-083, s 246-821-200, filed 10/16/24, effective 1/1/25.]