

(Effective January 1, 2025)

WAC 246-821-025 Behavioral health support specialist application requirements. (1) An applicant for a behavioral health support specialist (BHSS) certificate shall submit to the department:

- (a) An application on forms provided by the department;
- (b) Official transcripts to verify completion of a bachelor degree;
- (c) Documentation to verify completion of an approved BHSS educational program and practicum under subsection (2) or (3) of this section; and

(d) Applicable fee(s) required under WAC 246-821-990.

(2) An applicant who completes BHSS education and experience requirements through an approved educational program that is not a registered BHSS apprenticeship shall submit to the department:

(a) Official transcripts verifying completion of education requirements under WAC 246-821-100; and

(b) Documentation on forms provided by the department of any supervised experience completed under WAC 246-821-200. If an applicant completed supervised experience through multiple practicums or at multiple practicum sites, documentation should be submitted for each one.

(3) An applicant who completes BHSS education and experience requirements through an approved and registered BHSS apprenticeship shall submit to the department an apprenticeship certificate of completion.

(4) Before issuance of a BHSS certificate, an applicant shall take and pass the jurisprudence examination under WAC 246-821-300.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.227.020, chapter 18.227 RCW, and 2023 c 270. WSR 24-21-083, s 246-821-025, filed 10/16/24, effective 1/1/25.]