

(Effective January 1, 2025)

WAC 246-821-210 Practicum supervision requirements. (1) All supervised experience required for behavioral health support specialist certification must be completed under a practicum supervisor as defined in WAC 246-821-215.

(2) Before the practicum begins or within the first month of the practicum, the student shall meet with the supervisor to:

(a) Develop a written plan for developing clinical skills, including graduated participation in facilitating clinical encounters;

(b) Set goals and expectations for the duration of the practicum;

(c) Establish a schedule for supervision, which may include group supervision in addition to required individual supervision; and

(d) Identify an alternate supervisor, if possible, in case the primary supervisor is unavailable.

(3) A practicum supervisor shall provide supervision regularly, with at least biweekly individual or triadic supervision, and at least one in-person supervision session per quarter.

(4) Under the supervision of the practicum supervisor, a BHSS student shall:

(a) Complete at least 240 practicum hours;

(b) Complete at least 12 hours of individual or triadic supervision;

(c) Complete at least 60 hours of direct client contact, including co-delivery of services with a supervisor or other certified or licensed behavioral health provider or substance use disorder professional; and

(d) Demonstrate at least one clinical skill from each of the eight competency domains listed in WAC 246-821-110.

(5) On forms provided by the department, the practicum supervisor shall attest to the student's completion of practicum requirements listed in subsection (4) of this section.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.227.020, chapter 18.227 RCW, and 2023 c 270. WSR 24-21-083, s 246-821-210, filed 10/16/24, effective 1/1/25.]