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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the issuance of substance use  
2 disorder professional certifications to persons participating in  
3 apprenticeship programs; amending RCW 18.205.095 and 18.205.090; and  
4 creating a new section.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.205.095 and 2019 c 444 s 6 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The secretary shall issue a trainee certificate to any  
9 applicant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that  
10 he or she is working toward the education and experience requirements  
11 in RCW 18.205.090.

12 (2) A trainee certified under this section shall submit to the  
13 secretary for approval a declaration, in accordance with rules  
14 adopted by the department, that he or she is enrolled in an approved  
15 education or registered apprenticeship program and actively pursuing  
16 the experience requirements in RCW 18.205.090. This declaration must  
17 be updated with the trainee's annual renewal.

18 (3) A trainee certified under this section may practice only  
19 under the supervision of a certified substance use disorder  
20 professional. The first fifty hours of any face-to-face client  
21 contact must be under direct observation. All remaining experience

1 must be under supervision in accordance with rules adopted by the  
2 department.

3 (4) A certified substance use disorder professional trainee  
4 provides substance use disorder assessments, counseling, and case  
5 management with a state regulated agency and can provide clinical  
6 services to patients consistent with his or her education, training,  
7 and experience as approved by his or her supervisor.

8 (5) A trainee certification may only be renewed four times.

9 (6) Applicants are subject to denial of a certificate or issuance  
10 of a conditional certificate for the reasons set forth in chapter  
11 18.130 RCW.

12 (7) As of July 28, 2019, a person certified under this chapter  
13 holding the title of chemical dependency professional trainee is  
14 considered to hold the title of substance use disorder professional  
15 trainee until such time as the person's present certification expires  
16 or is renewed.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.205.090 and 2019 c 444 s 5 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 (1) The secretary shall issue a certificate to any applicant who  
20 demonstrates to the secretary's satisfaction that the following  
21 requirements have been met:

22 (a) Completion of an educational or registered apprenticeship  
23 program approved by the secretary or successful completion of  
24 alternate training that meets established criteria;

25 (b) Successful completion of an approved examination, based on  
26 core competencies of substance use disorder counseling; and

27 (c) Successful completion of an experience requirement that  
28 establishes fewer hours of experience for applicants with higher  
29 levels of relevant education. In meeting any experience requirement  
30 established under this subsection, the secretary may not require more  
31 than one thousand five hundred hours of experience in substance use  
32 disorder counseling for applicants who are licensed under chapter  
33 18.83 RCW or under chapter 18.79 RCW as advanced registered nurse  
34 practitioners.

35 (2) The secretary shall establish by rule what constitutes  
36 adequate proof of meeting the criteria.

37 (3) Applicants are subject to the grounds for denial of a  
38 certificate or issuance of a conditional certificate under chapter  
39 18.130 RCW.

1 (4) Certified substance use disorder professionals shall not be  
2 required to be registered under chapter 18.19 RCW or licensed under  
3 chapter 18.225 RCW.

4 (5) As of July 28, 2019, a person certified under this chapter  
5 holding the title of chemical dependency professional is considered  
6 to hold the title of substance use disorder professional until such  
7 time as the person's present certification expires or is renewed.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of health may adopt any  
9 rules necessary to implement this act.

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