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

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

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

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

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

(3) A trainee certified under this section may practice only under the supervision of a certified substance use disorder professional. The first fifty hours of any face-to-face client contact must be under direct observation. All remaining experience
must be under supervision in accordance with rules adopted by the
department.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Applicants are subject to the grounds for denial of a
certificate or issuance of a conditional certificate under chapter
18.130 RCW.
(4) Certified substance use disorder professionals shall not be required to be registered under chapter 18.19 RCW or licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW.

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

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

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