

**WAC 181-79A-200 Course work on issues of abuse and emotional or behavioral distress in students.** (1) The course work on issues of abuse and emotional or behavioral distress in students under RCW 28A.410.035 will include content on the following:

(a) **Issues of abuse:**

(i) Identification of physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and substance abuse;

(ii) Commercial sexual abuse of a minor, as defined in RCW 9.68A.100;

(iii) Sexual exploitation of a minor, as defined in RCW 9.68A.040;

(iv) Information on the impact of abuse on the behavior and learning abilities of students;

(v) Discussion of the responsibilities of a teacher to report abuse or provide assistance to students who are the victims of abuse; and

(vi) Methods for teaching students about abuse of all types and their prevention.

(b) **Emotional or behavioral distress in students:**

(i) Knowledge and skill standards pertaining to recognition, initial screening, and response to emotional or behavioral distress in students;

(ii) This includes, but is not limited to, indicators of possible substance abuse, violence, and youth suicide.

(2) Candidates applying for certificate renewal or reinstatement who have not previously completed course work on issues of abuse and emotional or behavioral distress in students must present evidence of completion to the superintendent of public instruction.

(3) Candidates holding an initial or residency certificate applying for a continuing or professional certificate who have not previously completed course work on issues of abuse and emotional or behavioral distress in students must present evidence of completion to the superintendent of public instruction.

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