

License	Rule	Current	Suggested
<b>Marriage and Family Therapist</b>	WAC 246-809-110 Definitions	(3) "Equally qualified licensed mental health practitioner" means a licensed mental health counselor, licensed clinical social worker, licensed psychologist, licensed physician practicing as a psychiatrist, or licensed psychiatric nurse practitioner, <b>who has completed:</b> <b>(a) Three hundred clock hours in graduate or postgraduate marriage and family education, or continuing education in marriage and family therapy or supervision by an approved marriage and family therapist supervisor in marriage and family therapy or any combination of these; and</b> <b>(b) Five years of clinical practice that includes the equivalent of one year of clinical practice working with couples and families.</b>	(3) "Equally qualified licensed mental health practitioner" means a licensed mental health counselor, licensed clinical social worker, licensed psychologist, licensed physician practicing as a psychiatrist, or licensed psychiatric nurse practitioner.
	WAC 246-809-130 Supervised postgraduate experience	(1) The experience requirements for the marriage and family therapist applicant's practice area include successful completion of a supervised experience requirement. Applicants who have held an active marriage and family therapy license for the past <b>five consecutive years or more</b> in another state or territory, without a disciplinary record or disqualifying criminal history, are deemed to have met the supervised experience requirements for Washington state licensure in subsection (3) of this section.	(1) The experience requirements for the marriage and family therapist applicant's practice area include successful completion of a supervised experience requirement. Applicants who have held an active marriage and family therapy license for the past year in another state or territory, without a disciplinary record or disqualifying criminal history, are deemed to have met the supervised experience requirements for Washington state licensure in subsection (3) of this section.

**Mental Health  
Counselor**

WAC 246-809-220  
Education requirements

*New section. Practicum component*

(5) An applicant is considered to have met the counseling practicum component of the educational requirements if they:

- (a) Have held an agency affiliated counselor credential for the past year in good standing; and
- (b) Demonstrate 600 hours of clinical experience under the supervision of a mental health professional. Experience must include demonstrated competence in the application of the principles of human development, learning theory, psychotherapy, group dynamics, or dysfunctional behavior in the delivery of direct clinical care.

WAC 246-809-221  
Behavioral  
sciences—Program  
equivalency.

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WAC 246-809-230  
Supervised postgraduate  
experience.

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WAC 246-809-330  
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**All Associates**

WAC 246-809-990  
Licensed counselor, and  
associate—Fees and  
renewal cycle.

(2) Associate licenses are valid for one year and must be renewed every year on the date of issuance. **The associate license may be renewed no more than six times, except as provided in RCW 18.225.145.**

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