

DRAFT – 1724 Section 5 – 2024 recommendations

Type of change	Profession(s)	Recommendation
Statute	Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainees	Create an allowance for those approved to participate in an LNI approved apprenticeship program to begin practicing while their SUDPT is in pending status
Rule	Master’s level counselors	For social workers, modify the definition of supervision to allow for dyadic supervision to count towards one-on-one requirements.
Statute	Master’s Level Counselors	For LMFTAs, reduce the number of qualifying hours required to be from 200 to 100 hours to align with other professions. We would also clarify that this is direct supervision, similar to the other professions.
Other/resource request	All BH professions	Request funding to create free, regularly updated trainings for each BH profession on rules/laws and ethical practice in WA for CE credit. (Psych already offers this. Many programs have wanted to but lacked sufficient resources to create it and keep it maintained.)
Rule	Master’s level counselors	For Licensed Independent Social Worker (LICSW) Associates, remove the requirement that 1000 of the required direct client contact hours be performed under an LICSW and allow equally qualified mental health practitioners to provide supervision for direct client contact hours, in line with other master’s level counselor profession. (This is only related to the direct client contact hours)
Statute	Social Workers	<p>For LASW, we recommend modifying the requirements in RCW 18.225.090 to remove the exam requirement.</p> <p>For LICSW, we recommend modifying the requirements in RCW 18.225.090 to allow an alternate pathway to licensure in lieu of the exam through enhanced supervision with an attestation of the applicant’s skill and safety to practice from the supervisor. We recommend the enhanced supervision requirements be allowed to be met within the required 3,000 hours of supervised experience. This would only be in lieu of the exam. Education, training, supervised experience requirements, etc would still need to be met by each applicant. We recommend maintaining the exam pathway as an option so WA licensees can continue to access compacts and reciprocity.</p>
Other/resource request	All professions	Request one-time funding to enhance the suicide prevention training resources the department provides to include information on cost, or to develop/provide free suicide prevention training if no free or low cost options exist.