

# PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2220

By Representative Jenkins

**Original bill:** Requires certain mental health professionals to complete training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management prior to initial licensure and on an ongoing basis after licensure.

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**Proposed substitute bill compared to original bill:** The proposed substitute:

- Removes specific requirements relating to the suicide assessment, treatment, and management training. Instead, requires the training to be approved by the appropriate disciplining authority.
  - Requires the disciplining authorities affected by the bill to work collaboratively to develop an initial list of approved programs (to be reported to the Legislature no later than December 15, 2012). The disciplining authorities must:
    - Consider empirically supported training programs of at least six hours in length on the best practices registry of the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention and the Suicide Prevention Resource Center; and
    - Consult with institutions of higher education, experts on suicide assessment, treatment, and management, and affected professional associations.
  - Requires the Medical Quality Assurance Commission, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, and the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission to develop recommendations (to be reported to the Legislature no later than December 15, 2012) on expanding the training requirements to apply to all primary care providers (defined as physicians, osteopathic physicians, and advanced registered nurse practitioners whose practice consists mainly of primary care).
  - Names the act "The Matt Adler Suicide Assessment, Treatment, and Management Act of 2012."
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**BILL REQUEST - CODE REVISER'S OFFICE**

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BILL REQ. #: H-3409.1/12

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Requiring certain health professionals to complete continuing education in suicide assessment, treatment, and management.

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring certain health professionals to  
2 complete continuing education in suicide assessment, treatment, and  
3 management; amending RCW 18.19.020, 18.19.090, 18.19.100, 18.205.020,  
4 18.205.090, 18.225.010, 18.225.090, 18.225.150, 18.83.010, 18.83.070,  
5 18.83.090, 18.79.020, 18.79.160, 18.79.210, 18.57.001, 18.57.020,  
6 18.57.050, 18.71.010, 18.71.050, and 18.71.080; adding a new section to  
7 chapter 18.205 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an effective  
8 date.

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

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

11 (a) According to the centers for disease control and prevention:

12 (i) In 2008, more than thirty-six thousand people died by suicide  
13 in the United States, making it the tenth leading cause of death  
14 nationally.

15 (ii) During 2007-2008, an estimated five hundred sixty-nine  
16 thousand people visited hospital emergency departments with self-  
17 inflicted injuries in the United States, seventy percent of whom had  
18 attempted suicide.

1 (iii) During 2008-2009, the average percentages of adults who  
2 thought, planned, or attempted suicide in Washington were higher than  
3 the national average.

4 (b) According to a national study, veterans face an elevated risk  
5 of suicide as compared to the general population, more than twice the  
6 risk among male veterans. Another study has indicated a positive  
7 correlation between posttraumatic stress disorder and suicide.

8 (i) Washington state is home to more than sixty thousand men and  
9 women who have deployed in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

10 (ii) Research continues on how the effects of wartime service and  
11 injuries such as traumatic brain injury, posttraumatic stress disorder,  
12 or other service-related conditions, may increase the number of  
13 veterans who attempt suicide.

14 (iii) As more men and women separate from the military and  
15 transition back into civilian life, community mental health providers  
16 will become a vital resource to help these veterans and their families  
17 deal with issues that may arise.

18 (c) Suicide has an enormous impact on the family and friends of the  
19 victim as well as the community as a whole.

20 (d) Approximately ninety percent of people who die by suicide had  
21 a diagnosable psychiatric disorder at the time of death. Most suicide  
22 victims exhibit warning signs or behaviors prior to an attempt.

23 (e) Improved training and education in suicide assessment,  
24 treatment, and management has been recommended by a variety of  
25 organizations, including the United States department of health and  
26 human services and the institute of medicine.

27 (2) It is therefore the intent of the legislature to help lower the  
28 suicide rate in Washington by requiring certain mental health  
29 professionals to:

30 (a) Complete training in suicide assessment, treatment, and  
31 management prior to licensure; and

32 (b) Engage in continued training in suicide assessment, treatment,  
33 and management as part of their continuing education requirements.

34 (3) The legislature does not intend to expand or limit the existing  
35 scope of practice of any mental health professional affected by this  
36 act.

1           **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.19.020 and 2011 c 86 s 1 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3           The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
4 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

5           (1) "Agency" means (a) an agency or facility operated, licensed, or  
6 certified by the state of Washington; (b) a federally recognized Indian  
7 tribe located within the state; or (c) a county.

8           (2) "Agency affiliated counselor" means a person registered under  
9 this chapter who is engaged in counseling and employed by an agency.  
10 "Agency affiliated counselor" includes juvenile probation counselors  
11 who are employees of the juvenile court under RCW 13.04.035 and  
12 13.04.040 and juvenile court employees providing functional family  
13 therapy, aggression replacement training, or other evidence-based  
14 programs approved by the juvenile rehabilitation administration of the  
15 department of social and health services.

16           (3) "Certified adviser" means a person certified under this chapter  
17 who is engaged in private practice counseling to the extent authorized  
18 in RCW 18.19.200.

19           (4) "Certified counselor" means a person certified under this  
20 chapter who is engaged in private practice counseling to the extent  
21 authorized in RCW 18.19.200.

22           (5) "Client" means an individual who receives or participates in  
23 counseling or group counseling.

24           (6) "Counseling" means employing any therapeutic techniques,  
25 including but not limited to social work, mental health counseling,  
26 marriage and family therapy, and hypnotherapy, for a fee that offer,  
27 assist or attempt to assist an individual or individuals in the  
28 amelioration or adjustment of mental, emotional, or behavioral  
29 problems, and includes therapeutic techniques to achieve sensitivity  
30 and awareness of self and others and the development of human  
31 potential. For the purposes of this chapter, nothing may be construed  
32 to imply that the practice of hypnotherapy is necessarily limited to  
33 counseling.

34           (7) "Counselor" means an individual, practitioner, therapist, or  
35 analyst who engages in the practice of counseling to the public for a  
36 fee, including for the purposes of this chapter, hypnotherapists.

37           (8) "Department" means the department of health.

1 (9) "Hypnotherapist" means a person registered under this chapter  
2 who is practicing hypnosis as a modality.

3 (10) "Private practice counseling" means the practice of counseling  
4 by a certified counselor or certified adviser as specified in RCW  
5 18.19.200.

6 (11) "Psychotherapy" means the practice of counseling using  
7 diagnosis of mental disorders according to the fourth edition of the  
8 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, published in  
9 1994, and the development of treatment plans for counseling based on  
10 diagnosis of mental disorders in accordance with established practice  
11 standards.

12 (12) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department or the  
13 secretary's designee.

14 (13) "Suicide assessment, treatment, and management training  
15 program" means an empirically supported training program of at least  
16 six hours in length approved by the secretary.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.19.090 and 2008 c 135 s 8 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 (1) Application for agency affiliated counselor, certified  
20 counselor, certified adviser, or hypnotherapist must be made on forms  
21 approved by the secretary. The secretary may require information  
22 necessary to determine whether applicants meet the qualifications for  
23 the credential and whether there are any grounds for denial of the  
24 credential, or for issuance of a conditional credential, under this  
25 chapter or chapter 18.130 RCW. The application for agency affiliated  
26 counselor, certified counselor, or certified adviser must include a  
27 description of the applicant's orientation, discipline, theory, or  
28 technique. Each applicant shall pay a fee determined by the secretary  
29 as provided in RCW 43.70.250, which shall accompany the application.

30 (2) Applicants for agency affiliated counselor must provide  
31 satisfactory documentation that they are employed by an agency or have  
32 an offer of employment from an agency.

33 (3) At the time of application for initial certification,  
34 applicants for certified counselor prior to July 1, 2010, are required  
35 to:

36 (a) Have been registered for no less than five years at the time of  
37 application for an initial certification;

1 (b) Have held a valid, active registration that is in good standing  
2 and be in compliance with any disciplinary process and orders at the  
3 time of application for an initial certification;

4 (c) Show evidence of having completed coursework in risk  
5 assessment, ethics, appropriate screening and referral, and Washington  
6 state law and other subjects identified by the secretary;

7 (d) Pass an examination in risk assessment, ethics, appropriate  
8 screening and referral, and Washington state law, and other subjects as  
9 determined by the secretary; and

10 (e) Have a written consultation agreement with a credential holder  
11 who meets the qualifications established by the secretary.

12 (4) Unless eligible for certification under subsection (3) of this  
13 section, applicants for certified counselor or certified adviser are  
14 required to:

15 (a)(i) Have a bachelor's degree in a counseling-related field, if  
16 applying for certified counselor; or

17 (ii) Have an associate degree in a counseling-related field and a  
18 supervised internship, if applying for certified adviser;

19 (b) Pass an examination in risk assessment, ethics, appropriate  
20 screening and referral, and Washington state law, and other subjects as  
21 determined by the secretary; (~~and~~)

22 (c)(i)(A) Successfully complete at least fifteen hours of  
23 coursework in suicide assessment, treatment, and management while  
24 obtaining the degree required in (a) of this subsection; or

25 (B) Complete a suicide assessment, treatment, and management  
26 training program no more than six years prior to applying for  
27 certification under this section.

28 (ii) Nothing in this subsection (4)(c) may be interpreted to expand  
29 or limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this  
30 chapter; and

31 (d) Have a written supervisory agreement with a supervisor who  
32 meets the qualifications established by the secretary.

33 (5) Each applicant shall include payment of the fee determined by  
34 the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250.

35 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.19.100 and 2008 c 135 s 10 are each amended to read  
36 as follows:

37 (1) The secretary shall establish administrative procedures,

1 administrative requirements, continuing education, and fees for renewal  
2 of credentials as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. When  
3 establishing continuing education requirements for agency affiliated  
4 counselors, the secretary shall consult with the appropriate state  
5 agency director responsible for licensing, certifying, or operating the  
6 relevant agency practice setting.

7 (2)(a) During the first full continuing education reporting period  
8 following the effective date of this section, a certified adviser or  
9 certified counselor who obtained his or her initial certification prior  
10 to the effective date of this section shall complete a suicide  
11 assessment, treatment, and management training program.

12 (b) All certified advisers and certified counselors shall complete  
13 a suicide assessment, treatment, and management training program every  
14 six years after:

15 (i) Initially completing a training program under (a) of this  
16 subsection; or

17 (ii) Obtaining initial certification on or after the effective date  
18 of this section.

19 (c) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment, and  
20 management training program under this section count toward meeting any  
21 continuing education requirements established under this chapter.

22 (d) Nothing in this subsection (2) may be interpreted to expand or  
23 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this  
24 chapter.

25 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.205.020 and 2008 c 135 s 15 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
28 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

29 (1) "Certification" means a voluntary process recognizing an  
30 individual who qualifies by examination and meets established  
31 educational prerequisites, and which protects the title of practice.

32 (2) "Certified chemical dependency professional" means an  
33 individual certified in chemical dependency counseling, under this  
34 chapter.

35 (3) "Certified chemical dependency professional trainee" means an  
36 individual working toward the education and experience requirements for  
37 certification as a chemical dependency professional.

1 (4) "Chemical dependency counseling" means employing the core  
2 competencies of chemical dependency counseling to assist or attempt to  
3 assist an alcohol or drug addicted person to develop and maintain  
4 abstinence from alcohol and other mood-altering drugs.

5 (5) "Committee" means the chemical dependency certification  
6 advisory committee established under this chapter.

7 (6) "Core competencies of chemical dependency counseling" means  
8 competency in the nationally recognized knowledge, skills, and  
9 attitudes of professional practice, including assessment and diagnosis  
10 of chemical dependency, chemical dependency treatment planning and  
11 referral, patient and family education in the disease of chemical  
12 dependency, individual and group counseling with alcoholic and drug  
13 addicted individuals, relapse prevention counseling, and case  
14 management, all oriented to assist alcoholic and drug addicted patients  
15 to achieve and maintain abstinence from mood-altering substances and  
16 develop independent support systems.

17 (7) "Department" means the department of health.

18 (8) "Health profession" means a profession providing health  
19 services regulated under the laws of this state.

20 (9) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's  
21 designee.

22 (10) "Suicide assessment, treatment, and management training  
23 program" means an empirically supported training program of at least  
24 six hours in length approved by the secretary.

25 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.205.090 and 2001 c 251 s 30 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

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

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

33 (b) Successful completion of an approved examination, based on core  
34 competencies of chemical dependency counseling; (~~and~~)

35 (c) Successful completion of an experience requirement that  
36 establishes fewer hours of experience for applicants with higher levels  
37 of relevant education. In meeting any experience requirement

1 established under this subsection, the secretary may not require more  
2 than one thousand five hundred hours of experience in chemical  
3 dependency counseling for applicants who are licensed under chapter  
4 18.83 RCW or under chapter 18.79 RCW as advanced registered nurse  
5 practitioners; and

6 (d)(i)(A) Successful completion of at least fifteen hours of  
7 coursework in suicide assessment, treatment, and management as part of  
8 his or her educational program or alternate training; or

9 (B) Completion of a suicide assessment, treatment, and management  
10 training program no more than six years prior to applying for  
11 certification under this section.

12 (ii) Nothing in this subsection (1)(d) may be interpreted to expand  
13 or limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this  
14 chapter.

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

17 (3) Applicants are subject to the grounds for denial of a  
18 certificate or issuance of a conditional certificate under chapter  
19 18.130 RCW.

20 (4) Certified chemical dependency professionals shall not be  
21 required to be registered under chapter 18.19 RCW or licensed under  
22 chapter 18.225 RCW.

23 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 18.205 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 (1) During the first full continuing competency reporting period  
26 following the effective date of this section, a certified chemical  
27 dependency professional who obtained his or her initial certification  
28 prior to the effective date of this section shall complete a suicide  
29 assessment, treatment, and management training program.

30 (2) All certified chemical dependency professionals shall complete  
31 a suicide assessment, treatment, and management training program every  
32 six years after:

33 (a) Initially completing a training program under subsection (1) of  
34 this section; or

35 (b) Obtaining initial certification on or after the effective date  
36 of this section.

1 (3) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment, and  
2 management training program under this section count toward meeting any  
3 continuing competency requirements established under this chapter.

4 (4) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to expand or limit  
5 the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this chapter.

6 **Sec. 8.** RCW 18.225.010 and 2008 c 135 s 11 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
9 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

10 (1) "Advanced social work" means the application of social work  
11 theory and methods including emotional and biopsychosocial assessment,  
12 psychotherapy under the supervision of a licensed independent clinical  
13 social worker, case management, consultation, advocacy, counseling, and  
14 community organization.

15 (2) "Applicant" means a person who completes the required  
16 application, pays the required fee, is at least eighteen years of age,  
17 and meets any background check requirements and uniform disciplinary  
18 act requirements.

19 (3) "Associate" means a prelicensure candidate who has a graduate  
20 degree in a mental health field under RCW 18.225.090 and is gaining the  
21 supervision and supervised experience necessary to become a licensed  
22 independent clinical social worker, a licensed advanced social worker,  
23 a licensed mental health counselor, or a licensed marriage and family  
24 therapist.

25 (4) "Committee" means the Washington state mental health  
26 counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers advisory  
27 committee.

28 (5) "Department" means the department of health.

29 (6) "Disciplining authority" means the department.

30 (7) "Independent clinical social work" means the diagnosis and  
31 treatment of emotional and mental disorders based on knowledge of human  
32 development, the causation and treatment of psychopathology,  
33 psychotherapeutic treatment practices, and social work practice as  
34 defined in advanced social work. Treatment modalities include but are  
35 not limited to diagnosis and treatment of individuals, couples,  
36 families, groups, or organizations.

1 (8) "Marriage and family therapy" means the diagnosis and treatment  
2 of mental and emotional disorders, whether cognitive, affective, or  
3 behavioral, within the context of relationships, including marriage and  
4 family systems. Marriage and family therapy involves the professional  
5 application of psychotherapeutic and family systems theories and  
6 techniques in the delivery of services to individuals, couples, and  
7 families for the purpose of treating such diagnosed nervous and mental  
8 disorders. The practice of marriage and family therapy means the  
9 rendering of professional marriage and family therapy services to  
10 individuals, couples, and families, singly or in groups, whether such  
11 services are offered directly to the general public or through  
12 organizations, either public or private, for a fee, monetary or  
13 otherwise.

14 (9) "Mental health counseling" means the application of principles  
15 of human development, learning theory, psychotherapy, group dynamics,  
16 and etiology of mental illness and dysfunctional behavior to  
17 individuals, couples, families, groups, and organizations, for the  
18 purpose of treatment of mental disorders and promoting optimal mental  
19 health and functionality. Mental health counseling also includes, but  
20 is not limited to, the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental  
21 and emotional disorders, as well as the application of a wellness model  
22 of mental health.

23 (10) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's  
24 designee.

25 (11) "Suicide assessment, treatment, and management training  
26 program" means an empirically supported training program of at least  
27 six hours in length approved by the secretary.

28 **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.225.090 and 2008 c 141 s 1 are each amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 (1) The secretary shall issue a license to any applicant who  
31 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that the applicant  
32 meets the following education and experience requirements for the  
33 applicant's practice area.

- 34 (a) Licensed social work classifications:
  - 35 (i) Licensed advanced social worker:
    - 36 (A) Graduation from a master's or doctorate social work educational

1 program accredited by the council on social work education and approved  
2 by the secretary based upon nationally recognized standards;

3 (B) Successful completion of an approved examination;

4 (C) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.

5 The supervised experience requirement consists of a minimum of three  
6 thousand two hundred hours with supervision by an approved supervisor  
7 who has been licensed for at least two years. Of those supervised  
8 hours:

9 (I) At least ninety hours must include direct supervision as  
10 specified in this subsection by a licensed independent clinical social  
11 worker, a licensed advanced social worker, or an equally qualified  
12 licensed mental health professional. Of those hours of directly  
13 supervised experience:

14 (1) At least fifty hours must include supervision by a licensed  
15 advanced social worker or licensed independent clinical social worker;  
16 the other forty hours may be supervised by an equally qualified  
17 licensed mental health practitioner; and

18 (2) At least forty hours must be in one-to-one supervision and  
19 fifty hours may be in one-to-one supervision or group supervision;

20 (II) Distance supervision is limited to forty supervision hours;  
21 and

22 (III) Eight hundred hours must be in direct client contact; and

23 (D) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of  
24 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

25 (ii) Licensed independent clinical social worker:

26 (A) Graduation from a master's or doctorate level social work  
27 educational program accredited by the council on social work education  
28 and approved by the secretary based upon nationally recognized  
29 standards;

30 (B) Successful completion of an approved examination;

31 (C) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.

32 The supervised experience requirement consists of a minimum of four  
33 thousand hours of experience, over a three-year period, with  
34 supervision by an approved supervisor who has been licensed for at  
35 least two years and, as specified in this subsection, may be either a  
36 licensed independent clinical social worker who has had at least one  
37 year of experience in supervising the clinical social work of others or

1 an equally qualified licensed mental health practitioner. Of those  
2 supervised hours:

3 (I) At least one thousand hours must be direct client contact;

4 (II) Hours of direct supervision must include:

5 (1) At least one hundred thirty hours by a licensed mental health  
6 practitioner;

7 (2) At least seventy hours of supervision with a licensed  
8 independent clinical social worker meeting the qualifications under  
9 this subsection (1)(a)(ii)(C); the other sixty hours may be supervised  
10 by an equally qualified licensed mental health practitioner; and

11 (3) At least sixty hours must be in one-to-one supervision and  
12 seventy hours may be in one-to-one supervision or group supervision;  
13 and

14 (III) Distance supervision is limited to sixty supervision hours;  
15 and

16 (D) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of  
17 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

18 (b) Licensed mental health counselor:

19 (i) Graduation from a master's or doctoral level educational  
20 program in mental health counseling or a related discipline from a  
21 college or university approved by the secretary based upon nationally  
22 recognized standards;

23 (ii) Successful completion of an approved examination;

24 (iii) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.

25 The experience requirement consists of a minimum of thirty-six months  
26 full-time counseling or three thousand hours of postgraduate mental  
27 health counseling under the supervision of a qualified licensed mental  
28 health counselor or equally qualified licensed mental health  
29 practitioner, in an approved setting. The three thousand hours of  
30 required experience includes a minimum of one hundred hours spent in  
31 immediate supervision with the qualified licensed mental health  
32 counselor, and includes a minimum of one thousand two hundred hours of  
33 direct counseling with individuals, couples, families, or groups; and

34 (iv) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of  
35 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

36 (c) Licensed marriage and family therapist:

37 (i) Graduation from a master's degree or doctoral degree  
38 educational program in marriage and family therapy or graduation from

1 an educational program in an allied field equivalent to a master's  
2 degree or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy approved by  
3 the secretary based upon nationally recognized standards;

4 (ii) Successful passage of an approved examination;

5 (iii) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.

6 The experience requirement consists of a minimum of two calendar years  
7 of full-time marriage and family therapy. Of the total supervision,  
8 one hundred hours must be with a licensed marriage and family therapist  
9 with at least five years' clinical experience; the other one hundred  
10 hours may be with an equally qualified licensed mental health  
11 practitioner. Total experience requirements include:

12 (A) A minimum of three thousand hours of experience, one thousand  
13 hours of which must be direct client contact; at least five hundred  
14 hours must be gained in diagnosing and treating couples and families;  
15 plus

16 (B) At least two hundred hours of qualified supervision with a  
17 supervisor. At least one hundred of the two hundred hours must be one-  
18 on-one supervision, and the remaining hours may be in one-on-one or  
19 group supervision.

20 Applicants who have completed a master's program accredited by the  
21 commission on accreditation for marriage and family therapy education  
22 of the American association for marriage and family therapy may be  
23 credited with five hundred hours of direct client contact and one  
24 hundred hours of formal meetings with an approved supervisor; and

25 (iv) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of  
26 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

27 (2)(a) Every applicant under this section shall demonstrate to the  
28 satisfaction of the secretary:

29 (i) Successful completion of at least fifteen hours of coursework  
30 in suicide assessment, treatment, and management as part of his or her  
31 educational program or alternate training; or

32 (ii) Completion of a suicide assessment, treatment, and management  
33 training program no more than six years prior to applying for licensure  
34 under this section.

35 (b) Nothing in this subsection (2) may be interpreted to expand or  
36 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this  
37 chapter.

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

3       ~~((+3))~~ (4) In addition, applicants shall be subject to the grounds  
4 for denial of a license or issuance of a conditional license under  
5 chapter 18.130 RCW.

6       **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.225.150 and 2008 c 135 s 14 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8       (1) The secretary shall establish by rule the procedural  
9 requirements and fees for renewal of a license or associate license.  
10 Failure to renew shall invalidate the license or associate license and  
11 all privileges granted by the license. ~~((If an associate license has  
12 lapsed, the person shall submit an updated declaration, in accordance  
13 with rules adopted by the department, that the person is working toward  
14 full licensure.))~~ If a license has lapsed for a period longer than  
15 three years, the person shall demonstrate competence to the  
16 satisfaction of the secretary by taking continuing education courses,  
17 or meeting other standards determined by the secretary. If an  
18 associate license has lapsed, the person shall submit an updated  
19 declaration, in accordance with rules adopted by the department, that  
20 the person is working toward full licensure.

21       (2)(a) During the first full continuing education reporting period  
22 following the effective date of this section, a person licensed under  
23 this chapter who obtained his or her initial license prior to the  
24 effective date of this section shall complete a suicide assessment,  
25 treatment, and management training program.

26       (b) All persons licensed under this chapter shall complete a  
27 suicide assessment, treatment, and management training program every  
28 six years after:

29       (i) Initially completing a training program under (a) of this  
30 subsection; or

31       (ii) Obtaining an initial license on or after the effective date of  
32 this section.

33       (c) This subsection (2) does not apply to associate licenses.

34       (d) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment, and  
35 management training program under this section shall count toward  
36 meeting any continuing education requirements established under this  
37 chapter.

1 (e) Nothing in this subsection (2) may be interpreted to expand or  
2 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this  
3 chapter.

4 **Sec. 11.** RCW 18.83.010 and 1994 c 35 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 When used in this chapter:

7 (1) "Board" means the examining board of psychology.

8 (2) "Department" means the department of health.

9 (3) The "practice of psychology" means the observation, evaluation,  
10 interpretation, and modification of human behavior by the application  
11 of psychological principles, methods, and procedures for the purposes  
12 of preventing or eliminating symptomatic or maladaptive behavior and  
13 promoting mental and behavioral health. It includes, but is not  
14 limited to, providing the following services to individuals, families,  
15 groups, organizations, and the public, whether or not payment is  
16 received for services rendered:

17 (a) Psychological measurement, assessment, and evaluation by means  
18 of psychological, neuropsychological, and psychoeducational testing;

19 (b) Diagnosis and treatment of mental, emotional, and behavioral  
20 disorders, and psychological aspects of illness, injury, and  
21 disability; and

22 (c) Counseling and guidance, psychotherapeutic techniques,  
23 remediation, health promotion, and consultation within the context of  
24 established psychological principles and theories.

25 This definition does not include the teaching of principles of  
26 psychology for accredited educational institutions, or the conduct of  
27 research in problems of human or animal behavior.

28 Nothing in this definition shall be construed as permitting the  
29 administration or prescribing of drugs or in any way infringing upon  
30 the practice of medicine and surgery as defined in chapter 18.71 RCW.

31 ~~((+2))~~ (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

32 ~~((-3) "Board" means the examining board of psychology.~~

33 ~~(4) "Department" means the department of health.))~~ (5) "Suicide  
34 assessment, treatment, and management training program" means an  
35 empirically supported training program of at least six hours in length  
36 approved by the board.

1       **Sec. 12.** RCW 18.83.070 and 2004 c 262 s 9 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       An applicant for a license as "psychologist" must submit proof to  
4 the board that:

5       (1) The applicant is of good moral character.

6       (2) The applicant holds a doctoral degree from a regionally  
7 accredited institution, obtained from an integrated program of graduate  
8 study in psychology as defined by rules of the board.

9       (3) The applicant has had no fewer than two years of supervised  
10 experience. The board shall adopt rules defining the circumstances  
11 under which supervised experience shall qualify the candidate for  
12 licensure.

13       (4) The applicant has passed the examination or examinations  
14 required by the board.

15       (5)(a) The applicant has:

16       (i) Successfully completed at least fifteen hours of coursework in  
17 suicide assessment, treatment, and management as part of his or her  
18 doctoral program; or

19       (ii) Completed a suicide assessment, treatment, and management  
20 training program no more than six years prior to applying for licensure  
21 under this section.

22       (b) Nothing in this subsection (5) may be interpreted to expand or  
23 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this  
24 chapter.

25       Any person holding a valid license to practice psychology in the  
26 state of Washington on June 7, 1984, shall be considered licensed under  
27 this chapter.

28       **Sec. 13.** RCW 18.83.090 and 2009 c 492 s 6 are each amended to read  
29 as follows:

30       (1) The board shall establish rules governing mandatory continuing  
31 education requirements which shall be met by any psychologist applying  
32 for a license renewal.

33       (2) The office of crime victims advocacy shall supply the board  
34 with information on methods of recognizing victims of human  
35 trafficking, what services are available for these victims, and where  
36 to report potential trafficking situations. The information supplied  
37 must be culturally sensitive and must include information relating to

1 minor victims. The board shall disseminate this information to  
2 licensees (~~by~~): By providing the information on the board's web  
3 site; including the information in newsletters; by holding trainings at  
4 meetings attended by organization members; or through another  
5 distribution method determined by the board. The board shall report to  
6 the office of crime victims advocacy on the method or methods it uses  
7 to distribute information under this subsection.

8 (3) Administrative procedures, administrative requirements, and  
9 fees for renewal and reissue of licenses shall be established as  
10 provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.

11 (4)(a) During the first full continuing education reporting period  
12 following the effective date of this section, a licensed psychologist  
13 who obtained his or her initial certification prior to the effective  
14 date of this section shall complete a suicide assessment, treatment,  
15 and management training program.

16 (b) All licensed psychologists shall complete a suicide assessment,  
17 treatment, and management training program every six years after:

18 (i) Initially completing a training program under (a) of this  
19 subsection; or

20 (ii) Obtaining an initial license on or after the effective date of  
21 this section.

22 (c) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment, and  
23 management training program under this section count toward meeting any  
24 continuing education requirements established under this chapter.

25 (d) Nothing in this subsection (4) may be interpreted to expand or  
26 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this  
27 chapter.

28 **Sec. 14.** RCW 18.79.020 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 402 are each amended  
29 to read as follows:

30 Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the  
31 definitions set forth in this section apply throughout this chapter.

32 (1) "Commission" means the Washington state nursing care quality  
33 assurance commission.

34 (2) "Department" means the department of health.

35 (3) (~~"Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's~~  
36 ~~designee.~~

1       ~~(4))~~) "Diagnosis," in the context of nursing practice, means the  
2 identification of, and discrimination between, the person's physical  
3 and psychosocial signs and symptoms that are essential to effective  
4 execution and management of the nursing care regimen.

5       ~~((5))~~) (4) "Diploma" means written official verification of  
6 completion of an approved nursing education program.

7       ~~((6))~~) (5) "Nurse" or "nursing," unless otherwise specified as a  
8 practical nurse or practical nursing, means a registered nurse or  
9 registered nursing.

10       (6) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's  
11 designee.

12       (7) "Suicide assessment, treatment, and management training  
13 program" means an empirically supported training program of at least  
14 six hours in length approved by the commission.

15       **Sec. 15.** RCW 18.79.160 and 2004 c 262 s 6 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17       (1) An applicant for a license to practice as a registered nurse  
18 shall submit to the commission:

19       (a) An attested written application on a department form;

20       (b) An official transcript demonstrating graduation and successful  
21 completion of an approved program of nursing; and

22       (c) Any other official records specified by the commission.

23       (2) An applicant for a license to practice as an advanced  
24 registered nurse practitioner shall submit to the commission:

25       (a) An attested written application on a department form;

26       (b) An official transcript demonstrating graduation and successful  
27 completion of an advanced registered nurse practitioner program meeting  
28 criteria established by the commission; ~~((and))~~

29       ~~(c)~~(i) For an applicant who intends to practice as a psychiatric  
30 advanced registered nurse practitioner, proof acceptable to the  
31 commission that he or she has:

32       (A) Successfully completed at least fifteen hours of coursework in  
33 suicide assessment, treatment, and management at his or her advanced  
34 registered nurse practitioner program; or

35       (B) Completed a suicide assessment, treatment, and management  
36 training program no more than six years prior to applying for licensure  
37 under this section.

1 (ii) Nothing in this subsection (2)(c) may be interpreted to expand  
2 or limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this  
3 chapter; and

4 (d) Any other official records specified by the commission.

5 (3) An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical  
6 nurse shall submit to the commission:

7 (a) An attested written application on a department form;

8 (b) Written official evidence that the applicant is over the age of  
9 eighteen;

10 (c) An official transcript demonstrating graduation and successful  
11 completion of an approved practical nursing program, or its equivalent;  
12 and

13 (d) Any other official records specified by the commission.

14 (4) At the time of submission of the application, the applicant for  
15 a license to practice as a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse  
16 practitioner, or licensed practical nurse must not be in violation of  
17 chapter 18.130 RCW or this chapter.

18 (5) The commission shall establish by rule the criteria for  
19 evaluating the education of all applicants.

20 **Sec. 16.** RCW 18.79.210 and 1996 c 191 s 63 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 (1) A license issued under this chapter must be renewed, except as  
23 provided in this chapter. The licensee shall comply with  
24 administrative procedures, administrative requirements, and fees as  
25 determined under RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280.

26 (2) The commission shall request advanced registered nurse  
27 practitioners to inform the commission whether they practice as  
28 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners at the time of  
29 license renewal.

30 (3)(a) During the first full continuing education reporting period  
31 following the effective date of this section, an advanced registered  
32 nurse practitioner who identifies himself or herself as a psychiatric  
33 advanced registered nurse practitioner under subsection (2) of this  
34 section and who obtained his or her initial licensure prior to the  
35 effective date of this section shall complete a suicide assessment,  
36 treatment, and management training program.

1       (b) All advanced registered nurse practitioners who have identified  
2 themselves as psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners under  
3 subsection (2) of this section shall complete a suicide assessment,  
4 treatment, and management training program every six years after:

5       (i) Initially completing a training program under (a) of this  
6 subsection; or

7       (ii) Obtaining an initial license on or after the effective date of  
8 this section.

9       (c) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment, and  
10 management training program under this section count toward meeting any  
11 continuing education requirements established under this chapter.

12       (d) Nothing in this subsection (3) may be interpreted to expand or  
13 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this  
14 chapter.

15       **Sec. 17.** RCW 18.57.001 and 1996 c 178 s 2 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17       As used in this chapter:

18       (1) "Board" means the Washington state board of osteopathic  
19 medicine and surgery;

20       (2) "Department" means the department of health;

21       (3) (~~"Secretary" means the secretary of health; and~~

22 ~~+4+)) "Osteopathic medicine and surgery" means the use of any and~~  
23 ~~all methods in the treatment of disease, injuries, deformities, and all~~  
24 ~~other physical and mental conditions in and of human beings, including~~  
25 ~~the use of osteopathic manipulative therapy;~~

26       (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of health; and

27       (5) "Suicide assessment, treatment, and management training  
28 program" means an empirically supported training program of at least  
29 six hours in length approved by the board.

30       **Sec. 18.** RCW 18.57.020 and 1991 c 160 s 3 are each amended to read  
31 as follows:

32       (1) A license shall be issued by the secretary authorizing the  
33 holder to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery. In order to  
34 procure a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, the  
35 applicant must provide the board evidence that a diploma has been  
36 issued to the applicant by an accredited school of osteopathic medicine

1 and surgery, approved by the board. The application shall be made upon  
2 a form prepared by the secretary, with the approval of the board, and  
3 it shall contain such information concerning said osteopathic medical  
4 instruction and the preliminary education of the applicant as the board  
5 may by rule provide. Applicants who have failed to meet the  
6 requirements must be rejected.

7 (2) An applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine and  
8 surgery must furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she  
9 has served for not less than one year in a postgraduate training  
10 program approved by the board.

11 (3) In addition, the applicant may be required to furnish evidence  
12 satisfactory to the board that he or she is physically and mentally  
13 capable of safely carrying on the practice of osteopathic medicine and  
14 surgery. The board may require any applicant to submit to such  
15 examination or examinations as it deems necessary to determine an  
16 applicant's physical and/or mental capability to safely practice  
17 osteopathic medicine and surgery. The applicant shall also show that  
18 he or she has not been guilty of any conduct which would constitute  
19 grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of such license under the  
20 laws of the state of Washington.

21 (4) An applicant who intends to practice psychiatry is required to  
22 have successfully completed at least fifteen hours of coursework in  
23 suicide assessment, treatment, and management while obtaining his or  
24 her diploma from an accredited school of osteopathic medicine and  
25 surgery or to have completed a suicide assessment, treatment, and  
26 management training program no more than six years prior to applying  
27 for licensure under this section. Nothing in this subsection (4) may  
28 be interpreted to expand or limit the scope of practice of any  
29 profession regulated by this chapter.

30 (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the  
31 board from requiring such additional information from applicants as it  
32 deems necessary.

33 (6) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any  
34 applicant for licensure, or any licensee, as a requisite of retaining  
35 or renewing licensure under this chapter, to be a member of any  
36 political and/or professional organization.

1       **Sec. 19.** RCW 18.57.050 and 1996 c 191 s 36 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) The board may establish rules and regulations governing  
4 mandatory continuing education requirements which shall be met by  
5 physicians applying for renewal of licenses.

6       (2) The board shall request licensees to inform the board whether  
7 they practice as psychiatrists at the time of license renewal.

8       (3) Administrative procedures, administrative requirements, and  
9 fees for applications and renewals shall be established as provided in  
10 RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. The board shall determine prerequisites  
11 for relicensing.

12       (4)(a) During the first full continuing education reporting period  
13 following the effective date of this section, an osteopathic physician  
14 and surgeon who identifies himself or herself as a psychiatrist under  
15 subsection (2) of this section and who obtained his or her initial  
16 licensure prior to the effective date of this section shall complete a  
17 suicide assessment, treatment, and management training program.

18       (b) All osteopathic physicians and surgeons who have identified  
19 themselves as psychiatrists under subsection (2) of this section shall  
20 complete a suicide assessment, treatment, and management training  
21 program every six years after:

22       (i) Initially completing a training program under (a) of this  
23 subsection; or

24       (ii) Obtaining an initial license on or after the effective date of  
25 this section.

26       (c) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment, and  
27 management training program under this section count toward meeting any  
28 continuing education requirements established under this chapter.

29       (d) Nothing in this subsection (4) may be interpreted to expand or  
30 limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this  
31 chapter.

32       **Sec. 20.** RCW 18.71.010 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 302 are each amended  
33 to read as follows:

34       The following terms used in this chapter shall have the meanings  
35 set forth in this section unless the context clearly indicates  
36 otherwise:

1 (1) "Commission" means the Washington state medical quality  
2 assurance commission.

3 (2) (~~("Secretary" means the secretary of health.)~~) "Emergency  
4 medical care" or "emergency medical service" has the same meaning as in  
5 chapter 18.73 RCW.

6 (3) "Resident physician" means an individual who has graduated from  
7 a school of medicine which meets the requirements set forth in RCW  
8 18.71.055 and is serving a period of postgraduate clinical medical  
9 training sponsored by a college or university in this state or by a  
10 hospital accredited by this state. For purposes of this chapter, the  
11 term shall include individuals designated as intern or medical fellow.

12 (4) (~~("Emergency medical care" or "emergency medical service" has~~  
13 ~~the same meaning as in chapter 18.73 RCW.)~~) "Secretary" means the  
14 secretary of health.

15 (5) "Suicide assessment, treatment, and management training  
16 program" means an empirically supported training program of at least  
17 six hours in length approved by the commission.

18 **Sec. 21.** RCW 18.71.050 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 307 are each amended  
19 to read as follows:

20 (1) Each applicant who has graduated from a school of medicine  
21 located in any state, territory, or possession of the United States,  
22 the District of Columbia, or the Dominion of Canada, shall file an  
23 application for licensure with the commission on a form prepared by the  
24 secretary with the approval of the commission. Each applicant shall  
25 furnish proof satisfactory to the commission of the following:

26 (a) That the applicant has attended and graduated from a school of  
27 medicine approved by the commission;

28 (b) That the applicant has completed two years of postgraduate  
29 medical training in a program acceptable to the commission, provided  
30 that applicants graduating before July 28, 1985, may complete only one  
31 year of postgraduate medical training;

32 (c) That the applicant is of good moral character; (~~and~~)

33 (d) That the applicant is physically and mentally capable of safely  
34 carrying on the practice of medicine. The commission may require any  
35 applicant to submit to such examination or examinations as it deems  
36 necessary to determine an applicant's physical and/or mental capability  
37 to safely practice medicine; and

1 (e)(i) That an applicant who intends to practice psychiatry has:

2 (A) Successfully completed at least fifteen hours of coursework in  
3 suicide assessment, treatment, and management at his or her school of  
4 medicine; or

5 (B) Completed a suicide assessment, treatment, and management  
6 training program no more than eight years prior to applying for  
7 licensure under this section.

8 (ii) Nothing in this subsection (1)(e) may be interpreted to expand  
9 or limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this  
10 chapter.

11 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the  
12 commission from requiring such additional information from applicants  
13 as it deems necessary. The issuance and denial of licenses are subject  
14 to chapter 18.130 RCW, the Uniform Disciplinary Act.

15 **Sec. 22.** RCW 18.71.080 and 2011 c 178 s 1 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 (1)(a) Every person licensed to practice medicine in this state  
18 shall pay licensing fees and renew his or her license in accordance  
19 with administrative procedures and administrative requirements adopted  
20 as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. A physician who resides  
21 and practices in Washington and obtains or renews a retired active  
22 license is exempt from licensing fees imposed under this section.

23 (b) The commission shall request licensees to submit information  
24 about their current professional practice at the time of license  
25 renewal. This information may include practice setting, medical  
26 specialty, board certification, or other relevant data determined by  
27 the commission.

28 ~~((A physician who resides and practices in Washington and~~  
29 ~~obtains or renews a retired active license shall be exempt from~~  
30 ~~licensing fees imposed under this section.)) The commission may  
31 establish rules governing mandatory continuing education requirements  
32 which shall be met by physicians applying for renewal of licenses. The  
33 rules shall provide that mandatory continuing education requirements  
34 may be met in part by physicians showing evidence of the completion of  
35 approved activities relating to professional liability risk management.  
36 The number of hours of continuing education for a physician holding a  
37 retired active license shall not exceed fifty hours per year.~~

1 (d)(i) During the first full continuing education reporting period  
2 following the effective date of this section, a physician who  
3 identifies himself or herself as a psychiatrist under (b) of this  
4 subsection and who obtained his or her initial licensure prior to the  
5 effective date of this section shall complete a suicide assessment,  
6 treatment, and management training program.

7 (ii) All physicians who have identified themselves as psychiatrists  
8 under (b) of this subsection shall complete a suicide assessment,  
9 treatment, and management training program every eight years after:

10 (A) Initially completing a training program under (d)(i) of this  
11 subsection; or

12 (B) Obtaining an initial license on or after the effective date of  
13 this section.

14 (iii) The hours spent completing a suicide assessment, treatment,  
15 and management training program under this section count toward meeting  
16 any continuing education requirements established under this chapter.

17 (iv) Nothing in this subsection (1)(d) may be interpreted to expand  
18 or limit the scope of practice of any profession regulated by this  
19 chapter.

20 (2) The office of crime victims advocacy shall supply the  
21 commission with information on methods of recognizing victims of human  
22 trafficking, what services are available for these victims, and where  
23 to report potential trafficking situations. The information supplied  
24 must be culturally sensitive and must include information relating to  
25 minor victims. The commission shall disseminate this information to  
26 licensees by: Providing the information on the commission's web site;  
27 including the information in newsletters; holding trainings at meetings  
28 attended by organization members; or another distribution method  
29 determined by the commission. The commission shall report to the  
30 office of crime victims advocacy on the method or methods it uses to  
31 distribute information under this subsection.

32 (3) The commission, in its sole discretion, may permit an applicant  
33 who has not renewed his or her license to be licensed without  
34 examination if it is satisfied that such applicant meets all the  
35 requirements for licensure in this state, and is competent to engage in  
36 the practice of medicine.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 23.**    (1) The secretary of health and the  
2 disciplining authorities affected by this act shall adopt any rules  
3 necessary to implement this act.

4        (2)(a) The secretary and the disciplining authorities affected by  
5 this act shall work collaboratively to develop an initial group of  
6 empirically supported suicide assessment, treatment, and management  
7 training programs of at least six hours in length.

8        (b) When developing the initial list, the secretary and the  
9 disciplining authorities shall:

10        (i) Consider suicide assessment, treatment, and management training  
11 programs of at least six hours in length listed on the best practices  
12 registry of the American foundation for suicide prevention and the  
13 suicide prevention resource center; and

14        (ii) Consult with public and private institutions of higher  
15 education, experts in suicide assessment, treatment, and management,  
16 and affected professional associations.

17        (c) The secretary and the disciplining authorities shall report the  
18 initial list of training programs to the appropriate committees of the  
19 legislature no later than December 15, 2012.

20        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 24.**    (1) The medical quality assurance  
21 commission, the board of osteopathic medicine and surgery, and the  
22 nursing care quality assurance commission shall develop recommendations  
23 on expanding the training requirements in this act to include all  
24 primary care providers.

25        (2) The medical quality assurance commission, the board of  
26 osteopathic medicine and surgery, and the nursing care quality  
27 assurance commission shall report their recommendations to the  
28 appropriate committees of the legislature no later than December 15,  
29 2012.

30        (3) For purposes of this section, "primary care providers" means  
31 physicians, osteopathic physicians and surgeons, physician assistants,  
32 osteopathic physician assistants, and advanced registered nurse  
33 practitioners whose practice consists mainly of primary care.

34        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 25.**    This act may be known and cited as the Matt  
35 Adler suicide assessment, treatment, and management training act of  
36 2012.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 26.**    Sections 1 through 22 of this act take  
2 effect January 1, 2013.

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