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Washington State Gambling
Counselor Certification

2022-2023 Certification Updates as of 06/26/23

The 2023 edition of the Certification Manual is now available.

Changes to the 2023 Certification Manual

- 1) **Allowance of online learning is increased** from 10hrs to 30hrs, as of January 1, 2023.
- 2) **Associate Licensees** can follow the same structure as SUDPT's to apply for Provisional status while working toward full DOH licensure (see pg. 39 of 2022 manual)
- 3) Clarification language that **supervision should continue** until the Certification Application (either Level-I/II) has been approved.
- 4) **New Directory Authorization form** which collects more information for the Problem Gambling Helpline and Website Directory.

Changes published in the 2022 Certification Manual

- 1) All initial applications and renewals must include at least **6 hours Cultural Competency** training (went effective July 1, 2021). For initial applicants, this can include any Cultural Competency hours received as part of the 30-hour **Gambling Counselor Core Training** program (or other state 30-hour introductory problem gambling counseling training). For renewals, this is in addition to the 4 hours in Ethics, also every 2 years.
- 2) Clarification around requirements and prospective timeline of **SUDPTs** starting the certification process and applying for Provisional Provider status.
- 3) Clarification language that **supervision meetings** with supervisor are in addition to the 100/300 practice hours.
- 4) Case Conceptualization (Exam Alternative) option is now available!
- 5) IGCCB Gambling Counselor Exam registration changes from IGCCB.
- 6) Added a Certification Renewal Checklist
- 7) All references to chemical dependency or CDP, updated to substance use or SUDP.