

Q Be or Not Q Be

That is the question

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Qualified Professional

- According to 10A NCAC 27G
 - a. And individual who holds a license, provisional license, certificate, registration or permit issues by the governing board regulating a human service profession, except a *registered nurse who is licensed to practice in the State of NC by the NC Board of Nursing who also has 4 years of full-time accumulated experience in the mh/dd/sa field, or*

Qualified Professional

- According to 10A NCAC 27G
 - b. A graduate of a college or university with a Master's Degree in a human service field and has 1 year full time post-graduate degree accumulated mh/dd/sa experience with the population served, or a substance abuse professional who has one year of full-time, post-graduate degree accumulated supervised experience in alcoholism and drug abuse counseling, or

Qualified Professional

- According to 10A NACA 27G
 - c. A graduate of a college or university with a Bachelor's degree in a human service field and has 2 years of full-time, post-bachelor's degree accumulated mh/dd/sa experience with the population served, or a substance abuse professional who has two years of full-time, post-bachelor's degree accumulated supervised experience in alcoholism and drug abuse counseling, or

Qualified Professional

- According to 10A NCAC 27G
 - d. A graduate of a college or university with a Bachelor's degree in a field other than human services and has 4 years of full-time, post-graduate degree accumulated mh/dd/sa experience with the population served or a substance abuse professional who has four years of full-time post-graduate degree accumulated experience in alcoholism and drug abuse counseling.

Licensed and Certified Professionals

As Listed in 10A NCAC 27G.0104

- Certified Drug Abuse Counselor (CDAC)
- Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS)
- Certified Alcohol Counselor (LAC)
- Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC)
- Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC)
- Certified Substance Abuse Prevention Counselor(CSAPC)
- Clinical Social Worker
- Licensed Professional Counselor
- Licensed Psychologist, or Licensed Psychologist Associate
- Psychiatrist
- Registered Nurse

All meet educational, updated training and supervision requirements to perform the duties of a Qualified Professional by virtue of the license, except the nurse who requires four years of experience.

Graduate of a College or University

Issues –

What is a valid college or university?

What is a Human Service Degree?

Course Work

Diploma Mills

- Diploma mill: An institution of higher education operating without supervision of a state or professional agency and granting diplomas which are either fraudulent or because of the lack of proper standards worthless. —Webster's Third New International Dictionary

As stated on the Oregon Student Assistance Commission

What's Accredited?

- “The existence of unaccredited, substandard, and fraudulent postsecondary education providers is a global phenomenon, as is the existence of unrecognized and/or fraudulent accreditors. It is imperative that students interested in quality postsecondary education focus on institutions that are accredited by recognized national competent authorities, such as recognized accrediting agencies.”
 - From the US Department of Education Website

Accrediting Bodies

- The US Department of Education does not accredit institutions of higher education, i.e., colleges and institutions
- <http://www.ed.gov> lists accrediting bodies that it recognizes

Other Internet Resources

- Council on Higher Education lists colleges and universities it accredits in the US

<http://www.chea.org>

- Oregon Student Assistance Commission

<http://osac.state.or.us/completelist>

- World Education Services - worldwide

<http://www.wes.org>

Resources in Print

- *International Handbook of Universities*
- *Common Universities Yearbook*

Human Resource Degree

Review Transcripts

Determine based on course content

Course Work

Guidelines for determining which degrees are automatically considered appropriate for a Human Services Degree and which other degrees which require a review of courses listed on the individual's transcript

As found on the following site

- http://www.osp.state.nc.us/ExternalHome/Group5/LocalGovmt/HRManual/vi_human_srvcdegrees.pdf

Experience

Full time post-graduate degree accumulated mh/dd/sa experience with the population served, or a substance abuse professional who has one year of full-time, post-graduate degree accumulated supervised experience in alcoholism and drug abuse counseling, depending on the degree, per the definition of Qualified Professional and the Enhanced Service Definitions.

Supervision

Supervised experience is required for
all persons providing substance abuse
services

Review of Experience

Not all experience is experience which will qualify someone as a Qualified Professional:

- Juvenile Court Counselors
- School teachers (unless the teacher taught special education with the appropriate students)
- Youth Ministers, Boy Scout Leaders, etc.

And Why?

- Sufficient knowledge of the mh/dd/sa system to coordinate adjunct services
- To provide mental health services that are based on education and experience
- To assure that the critical thinking skills necessary to assist a recipient who receives mental health services is available to the Qualified Professional.