

Mental Health Practitioner Qualifications

Employee Name: _____

According to MN Statute 245.462, Subd. 17 a “Mental Health Practitioner” means a person providing services to adults with mental illness or children with emotional disturbance who is qualified in at least one of the ways described below.

*Check the appropriate categories below and complete any additional documentation. **Bolded** qualifications are completed after a Mental Health Practitioner has been hired.*

A practitioner is qualified through:

- Relevant coursework if the practitioner completes at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours in behavioral sciences or related fields and
 - Has at least 2,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of services to adults or children with
 - mental illness, substance use disorder, or emotional disturbance; or
 - Traumatic brain injury or developmental disabilities and completes training on mental illness, recovery from mental illness, mental health de-escalation techniques, co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse, and psychotropic medications and side effects;
 - Is fluent in the non-English language of the ethnic group to which at least 50 percent of the practitioner’s clients belong, **completes 40 hours of training in the delivery of services to adults with mental illness or children with emotional disturbance, and receives clinical supervision from a mental health professional at least once a week until the requirement of 2,000 hours of supervised experience is met**
 - Is working in a day treatment program under MN Statute 245.4712, subdivision 2
 - Has completed a practicum or internship that (1) requires direct interaction with adults or children served, and (2) is focused on behavioral sciences or related fields.
 - Is in the process of completing a practicum or internship as a part of a formal undergraduate or graduate training program in social work, psychology, or counseling.

- Work experience if the person:
 - Has at least 4,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of services to adults or children with
 - mental illness, substance use disorder, or emotional disturbance; or
 - Traumatic brain injury or developmental disabilities and completes training on mental illness, recovery from mental illness, mental health de-escalation techniques, co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse, and psychotropic medications and side effects;
 - Has at least 2,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of services to adults or children with
 - Mental illness, emotional disturbance, or substance use disorder, and **receives clinical supervision as required by applicable statutes and rules from a mental health professional at least once a week until the requirement of 4,000 hours of supervised experience is met;** or
 - Traumatic brain injury or developmental disabilities and completes training on mental illness, recovery from mental illness, mental health de-escalation techniques, co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse, and psychotropic medications and side effects; and **receives clinical supervision as required by applicable statutes and rules at least once a week from a mental health professional until the requirement of 4,000 hours of supervised experience is met.**

- Has a graduate student internship or a bachelor’s or master’s degree and is a graduate student in behavioral sciences or related fields and is formally assigned by an accredited college or university to an agency or facility for clinical training

- By a Bachelor's or Master's degree if the practitioner
 - Holds a master's or other graduate degree in behavioral sciences or related fields; or
 - Holds a bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences or related fields and completes a practicum or internship that (1) requires direct interaction with adults or children served, and (2) is focused on behavioral sciences or related fields

**According to MN Statute 256B.0623, subd. 5, paragraph (d) "behavioral sciences or related fields" means an education from an accredited college or university and includes but is not limited to social work, psychology, sociology, community counseling, family social science, child development, child psychology, community mental health, addiction counseling, counseling and guidance, special education, and other fields as approved by the commissioner.

Additional Documentation: (Complete only applicable documentation, based on the qualifications selected on the previous page)

Master's/Graduate Degree: _____ (list program(s))
 Transcript Received: Yes No

Bachelor's Degree: _____ (list program(s))
 Transcript Received: Yes No

Non-English Language: _____ (list language(s))
 How does the individual meet this: _____

Practicum/Internship Verification received: Yes No

Hours Completed:
 2,000 Hours completed (Verification of hours attached)
 4,000 Hours completed (Verification of hours attached)
 6,000 Hours completed (Verification of hours attached)

Reviewed By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____