

**9530.6565 STAFF QUALIFICATIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Qualifications for all staff who have direct client contact.** All staff who have direct client contact must be at least 18 years of age and must, at the time of hiring, document that they meet the requirements in item A or B.

A. Program directors, supervisors, nurses, assessors, and any other persons who have direct client contact must be free of chemical use problems for at least two years immediately preceding hiring and must sign a statement attesting to that fact.

B. Technicians must be free of chemical use problems for at least six months immediately prior to their hiring and must sign a statement attesting to that fact.

Subp. 2. **Continuing employment requirement.** License holders must require freedom from chemical use problems as a condition of continuing employment. Staff must remain free of chemical use problems although they are not required to sign statements after the initial statement required by subpart 1, item A. Staff with chemical use problems must be immediately removed from any responsibilities that include direct client contact.

Subp. 3. **Program director qualifications.** In addition to the requirements under subpart 1, a program director must:

A. have at least one year of work experience in direct service to individuals with substance use disorders or one year of work experience in the management or administration of direct service to individuals with substance use disorders;

B. have a baccalaureate degree or three years of work experience in administration or personnel supervision in human services; and

C. know and understand the implications of parts 9530.6510 to 9530.6590 and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245A, and sections 626.556, 626.557, and 626.5572.

Subp. 4. **Responsible staff person qualifications.** In addition to the requirements in subpart 1, each responsible staff person must know and understand the implications of parts 9530.6510 to 9530.6590 and Minnesota Statutes, sections 245A.65, 253B.04, 253B.051, 626.556, 626.557, and 626.5572.

Subp. 5. **Technician qualifications.**

A. In addition to the requirements in subpart 1, a technician employed by a detoxification program must demonstrate competency in the following areas:

(1) knowledge of the client bill of rights found in Minnesota Statutes, section 148F.165, and staff responsibilities outlined in Minnesota Statutes, sections 144.651 and 253B.03;

(2) knowledge of and ability to perform basic health screening procedures with intoxicated clients that consist of:

(a) blood pressure, pulse, temperature, and respiration readings;

(b) interviewing to obtain relevant medical history and current health complaints;  
and

(c) visual observation of a client's health status, including monitoring a client's behavior as it relates to health status;

(3) knowledge of and ability to perform basic first aid procedures, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid for seizures, trauma, and loss of consciousness; and

(4) knowledge of and ability to perform basic activities of daily living and personal hygiene.

B. An individual who does not meet all the qualifications specified in this subpart may be hired as a technician only if the license holder has a written plan for providing competency training in the areas specified in item A, and the individual completes that training within 30 days of the date of hire.

Subp. 6. **Personal relationships.** A license holder must have a written policy addressing personal relationships between clients and staff who have direct client contact. The policy must:

A. prohibit direct contact between a client and a staff member if the staff member has had a personal relationship with the client within two years prior to the client's admission to the program;

B. prohibit access to a client's clinical records by a staff member who has had a personal relationship with the client within two years prior to the client's admission, unless the client consents in writing; and

C. prohibit a clinical relationship between a staff member and a client if the staff member has had a personal relationship with the client within two years prior to the client's admission. If a personal relationship exists, the staff member must report the relationship to his or her supervisor and recuse himself or herself from the clinical relationship with that client.

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