

**245D.091 INTERVENTION SERVICES.**

Subdivision 1. **Licensure requirements.** An individual meeting the staff qualification requirements of this section who is an employee of a program licensed according to this chapter and providing behavioral support services, specialist services, or crisis respite services is not required to hold a separate license under this chapter. An individual meeting the staff qualifications of this section who is not providing these services as an employee of a program licensed according to this chapter must obtain a license according to this chapter.

Subd. 2. **Behavior professional qualifications.** A behavior professional, as defined in the brain injury and community alternatives for disabled individuals waiver plans or successor plans, must have competencies in areas related to:

- (1) ethical considerations;
- (2) functional assessment;
- (3) functional analysis;
- (4) measurement of behavior and interpretation of data;
- (5) selecting intervention outcomes and strategies;
- (6) behavior reduction and elimination strategies that promote least restrictive approved alternatives;
- (7) data collection;
- (8) staff and caregiver training;
- (9) support plan monitoring;
- (10) co-occurring mental disorders or neurocognitive disorder;
- (11) demonstrated expertise with populations being served; and
- (12) must be a:
  - (i) psychologist licensed under sections 148.88 to 148.98, who has stated to the Board of Psychology competencies in the above identified areas;
  - (ii) clinical social worker licensed as an independent clinical social worker under chapter 148D, or a person with a master's degree in social work from an accredited college or university, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the areas identified in clauses (1) to (11);
  - (iii) physician licensed under chapter 147 and certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or eligible for board certification in psychiatry with competencies in the areas identified in clauses (1) to (11);
  - (iv) licensed professional clinical counselor licensed under sections 148B.29 to 148B.39 with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services who has demonstrated competencies in the areas identified in clauses (1) to (11);
  - (v) person with a master's degree from an accredited college or university in one of the behavioral sciences or related fields, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services with demonstrated competencies in the areas identified in clauses (1) to (11); or

(vi) registered nurse who is licensed under sections 148.171 to 148.285, and who is certified as a clinical specialist or as a nurse practitioner in adult or family psychiatric and mental health nursing by a national nurse certification organization, or who has a master's degree in nursing or one of the behavioral sciences or related fields from an accredited college or university or its equivalent, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services.

**Subd. 3. Behavior analyst qualifications.** (a) A behavior analyst, as defined in the brain injury and community alternatives for disabled individuals waiver plans or successor plans, must:

(1) have obtained a baccalaureate degree, master's degree, or PhD in a social services discipline; or

(2) meet the qualifications of a mental health practitioner as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 17.

(b) In addition, a behavior analyst must:

(1) have four years of supervised experience working with individuals who exhibit challenging behaviors as well as co-occurring mental disorders or neurocognitive disorder;

(2) have received ten hours of instruction in functional assessment and functional analysis;

(3) have received 20 hours of instruction in the understanding of the function of behavior;

(4) have received ten hours of instruction on design of positive practices behavior support strategies;

(5) have received 20 hours of instruction on the use of behavior reduction approved strategies used only in combination with behavior positive practices strategies;

(6) be determined by a behavior professional to have the training and prerequisite skills required to provide positive practice strategies as well as behavior reduction approved and permitted intervention to the person who receives behavioral support; and

(7) be under the direct supervision of a behavior professional.

**Subd. 4. Behavior specialist qualifications.** (a) A behavior specialist, as defined in the brain injury and community alternatives for disabled individuals waiver plans or successor plans, must meet the following qualifications:

(1) have an associate's degree in a social services discipline; or

(2) have two years of supervised experience working with individuals who exhibit challenging behaviors as well as co-occurring mental disorders or neurocognitive disorder.

(b) In addition, a behavior specialist must:

(1) have received a minimum of four hours of training in functional assessment;

(2) have received 20 hours of instruction in the understanding of the function of behavior;

(3) have received ten hours of instruction on design of positive practices behavioral support strategies;

(4) be determined by a behavior professional to have the training and prerequisite skills required to provide positive practices strategies as well as behavior reduction approved intervention to the person who receives behavioral support; and

(5) be under the direct supervision of a behavior professional.

Subd. 5. **Specialist services qualifications.** An individual providing specialist services, as defined in the developmental disabilities waiver plan or successor plan, must have:

(1) the specific experience and skills required of the specialist to meet the needs of the person identified by the person's service planning team; and

(2) the qualifications of the specialist identified in the person's coordinated service and support plan.

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