Qualified list of professionals per 245G.07, subdivision 3

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Please see statutory references, as well as the list of professionals qualified to provide treatment services. Please also see additional guidance related to 245G.01 subd. 1 “student interns”.

245G.07 Subdivision 3.

Counselors. All treatment services, including therapeutic recreation except peer recovery support services and treatment coordination, must be provided by an alcohol and drug counselor qualified according to section 245G.11, subdivision 5, unless the individual providing the service is specifically qualified according to the accepted credential required to provide the service. Therapeutic recreation does not include planned leisure activities. The commissioner shall maintain a current list of professionals qualified to provide treatment services.

245G.11 Subdivision 5

(a) An alcohol and drug counselor must either be licensed or exempt from licensure under chapter 148F.
(b) An individual who is exempt from licensure under chapter 148F must meet one of the following additional requirements:
(1) completion of at least a baccalaureate degree with a major or concentration in social work, nursing, sociology, human services, or psychology, or licensure as a registered nurse; successful completion of a minimum of 120 hours of classroom instruction in which each of the core functions listed in Chapter 148F is covered; and successful completion of 440 hours of supervised experience as an alcohol and drug counselor, either as a student or as a staff member;
(2) completion of 270 hours of alcohol and drug counselor training in which each of the core functions listed in chapter 148F are covered, and successful completion of 880 hours of supervised experience as an alcohol and drug counselor, either as a student or as a staff member;
(3) current certification as an alcohol and drug counselor or alcohol and drug counselor reciprocal, through the evaluation process established by the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc.
(4) completion of a bachelor’s degree including 480 hours of alcohol and drug counseling education from an accredited school or educational program and 880 hours of alcohol and drug counseling practicum; or
(5) employment in a program formerly licensed under parts 9530.500 to 9530.6400 and successful completion of 6000 hours of supervised work experience in a licensed program as an alcohol and drug counselor prior to January 1, 2005.
(c) An alcohol and drug counselor may not provide a treatment service that requires professional licensure unless the individual possesses the necessary license. For the purposes of enforcing this section, the commissioner has the authority to monitor a service provider’s compliance with the relevant standards of the service provider’s profession and may issue licensing actions against the license holder according to sections 245A.05, 245A.06, and 245A.07 based on the commissioner’s determination of noncompliance.

The following is a list of “Other Approved Professionals”:


These credentials are qualified to provide services only within their licensure and scope of practice in a licensed 245G program. These credentials are not seen as the equivalent of, nor are they deemed qualified to provide substance use disorder treatment services unless also meeting the above qualifications in MS 245G.11, Subd 5.

- Mental Health Professionals (MHP), as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 245.462, subdivision 18, clauses (1) to (6);
- Students or licensing candidates (MHP); as allowed by Minnesota Statutes, section 254B.05, subdivision 5, paragraph (c)(4)(ii);
- Registered Nurses (RN);
- Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN); (Per BON< may only provider individual education, not groups)
- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS);
- Licensed Nutritionist
- Licensed Registered Dietician;
- Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (NP/APRN)
- Physician Assistant; (PA)
- Medical Doctor, or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. (MD/DO)
- Registered Pharmacist

Regarding student interns: a person is considered a “student intern” when meeting the requirements of MS 245G.01, Subd. 21. A student intern is only deemed to be in the “intern” status while they are currently in field placement, practicum, supervision, or other term used by a college or university to describe the supervised placement of a student for academic credit requirement and is so noted on a transcript, or other official document from the school.