

CHAPTER 68 – ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

SECTION .0100 - GENERAL

21 NCAC 68 .0101 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Chapter, the following terms are defined as:

- (1) "Applicant" means a person who submits documentation seeking Board status for registration, certification, or licensure.
- (2) "Approved supervisor" means a person who monitors and directs the activities of a substance use disorder professional in the role of a supervisor or a practice supervisor as set out in G.S. 90-113.31A. This is a person who fulfills or is in the process of fulfilling the requirements for this Board designation of approved supervisor pursuant to Rule .0211 of this Chapter by completing its academic, didactic, and experiential requirements.
- (3) "Assessment" means identifying and evaluating an individual's strengths, weaknesses, problems, and needs for the development of a treatment or service plan for a substance use disorder.
- (4) "Clinical application" means the assumption of professional and ethical responsibilities in the form of clinical supervision in a clinical setting for 300 hours, as well as the utilization of practice dimensions that include:
 - (a) clinical evaluation;
 - (b) treatment planning;
 - (c) referral;
 - (d) service coordination;
 - (e) counseling;
 - (f) education for the individual client, family, or community; and
 - (g) documentation.
- (5) "Clinical setting" means a location where the primary purpose is the delivery of behavioral health care to clients, patients, and consumers.
- (6) "Clinical supervision" means clinical oversight required for a substance use disorder or addictions specialist professional that is held at scheduled times or at regular intervals where the practice supervisor or supervisor of record reviews the clinical work of a professional for the purpose of feedback and instruction. This may be conducted electronically via live face-to-face video conducted in real time.
- (7) "Clinical supervision specific education" means training that covers the aspects of clinical supervision of a substance use disorder professional or any of the core functions of addictions counseling in their clinical application.
- (8) "Client" means an individual who is in receipt of substance use disorder counseling.
- (9) "Complainant" means a person who has filed an ethical complaint pursuant to the rules of this Section.
- (10) "Consultation" means a meeting for discussion, decision-making, and planning with other service providers for the purpose of providing substance use disorder counseling services.
- (11) "Crisis" means a radical change of status event in the course of treatment related to alcohol or drug use that threatens to compromise or destroy the rehabilitation effort.
- (12) "Deemed status group" means those persons who are credentialed as clinical addictions specialists because of their membership in a deemed status as defined in G.S. 90-113.31A(15).
- (13) "Education" means a service that is designed to inform and teach various groups including clients, families, schools, businesses, churches, industries, civic, and other community groups about the nature of substance use disorders and about available community resources. It also serves to improve the social functioning of recipients by increasing awareness of human behavior and providing alternative cognitive or behavioral responses to life's problems.
- (14) "Full-time" means 2,000 hours of substance use disorder professional experience per year.
- (15) "General professional skill building" means education provided to enhance the general skills of a substance use disorder professional.
- (16) "Hearing panel" means members of a committee designated by the chairperson of the committee to conduct an informal hearing to determine whether the applicant meets the standards required to be maintained for or awarded a credential.

- (17) "Impairment" means a mental illness, substance use disorder, chemical dependency, or physical illness that inhibits the ability of the professional to meet the treatment needs of the client and his or her family.
- (18) "Letter of reference" means a letter that recommends a person for credentialing.
- (19) "Membership in good standing" means a member's credential is not in a state of revocation, lapse, or suspension. However, an individual whose credential is suspended and the suspension is stayed is a member in good standing during the period of the stay.
- (20) "Passing score" means the score set and provided by the entity administering the exam indicating successful and satisfactory completion.
- (21) "Person served" means an individual who is not a client but is in receipt of substance use disorder prevention counseling.
- (22) "Personal service" means the delivery of a document into the hands of the person to whom it is addressed.
- (23) "Prevention consultation" means a service provided to other mental health, human service, community planning, development organization, or to individual practitioners in other organizations to assist in the development of insights and skills of the practitioner necessary for prevention of alcohol and drug misuse.
- (24) "Prevention performance domains" means areas of professional activities to include:
 - (a) planning and evaluations;
 - (b) education and skill development;
 - (c) community organization;
 - (d) public and organizational policy; and
 - (e) professional growth and responsibility.
- (25) "Referral" means identifying the needs of an individual that cannot be met by the counselor or agency and assisting the individual in utilizing the support systems and community resources available to transfer services.
- (26) "Rehabilitation" means re-establishing the functioning needed for professional competency.
- (27) "Reinstatement" means an action where the Board restores registration, certification, or licensure to an applicant after the applicant completes the requirements imposed by the Board.
- (28) "Relapse" means a return to the pattern of substance misuse as well as the process during which indicators appear prior to the person's return to the pattern of substance misuse or a re-appearance or exacerbation of physical, psychological, or emotional symptoms of impairment.
- (29) "Renewal" means an action by the Board granting a substance use disorder professional a consecutive registration, certification, or licensure based upon the completion of requirements for renewal as prescribed by statute and the rules of the Board.
- (30) "Revival" means an action by the Board granting a substance use disorder professional a registration, certification, or licensure following a lapse of registration, certification, or licensure wherein the professional must also meet the requirements for renewal.
- (31) "Respondent" means a person who is making application for registration, certification, or licensure by the Board or is registered, certified, or licensed by the Board against whom a complaint has been filed.
- (32) "Sexual activity" or "sexual contact" means soliciting or engaging in any activities of a sexual nature, including kissing, fondling, or touching of the body, specifically to the genitals but may include other parts of the body meant to cause sexual arousal.
- (33) "Substance use disorder counseling experience " means approved supervised experience that may be full-time, part-time, paid or voluntary, and shall include all of the core functions of addiction counseling as set forth in Rule .0204 of this Chapter as documented by a job description and a supervisor's evaluation.
- (34) "Substance use disorder prevention specialist experience" means approved supervised experience that may be full-time, part-time, paid, or voluntary, and shall include the prevention domains referenced by Rule .0206 of this Chapter and as documented by a job description and supervisor's evaluation.
- (35) "Substance use disorder specific" means education focused upon alcohol and other drugs and the substance-using population and is provided for a substance use disorder professional by an individual whose education and experience is in the field of alcohol and other drugs.

- (36) "Supervised practice" means supervision of the applicant in the knowledge and skills related to substance use disorder professionals.
- (37) "Supervisor of record" means the supervisor who is a substance use disorder professional and is primarily responsible for providing applicant or practice supervision to a supervisee, as well as reporting that supervised work experience to the Board.
- (38) "Suspension" means a loss of registration, certification, or licensure by a substance use disorder professional or the privilege of making application for registration, certification, or licensure by an applicant for one of these credentials.

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