

#### **10A NCAC 13F .0404    QUALIFICATIONS OF ACTIVITY DIRECTOR**

Adult care homes shall have an activity director who meets the following qualifications:

- (1) The activity director hired after September 30, 2022 shall meet a minimum educational requirement by being a high school graduate or certified under the GED Program.
- (2) The activity director hired after September 30, 2022 shall complete, within nine months of employment or assignment to this position, the basic activity course for assisted living activity directors offered by community colleges or a comparable activity course as determined by the Department based on instructional hours and content. An activity director shall be exempt from the required basic activity course if one or more of the following applies:
  - (a) be a licensed recreational therapist or be eligible for certification as a therapeutic recreation specialist as defined by the North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Act in accordance with G.S. 90C;
  - (b) have two years of experience working in programming for an adult recreation or activities program within the last five years, one year of which was full-time in an activities program for patients or residents in a health care or long term care setting;
  - (c) be a licensed occupational therapist or licensed occupational therapy assistant in accordance with G.S. 90, Article 18D;
  - (d) be certified as an Activity Professional by the National Certification Council for Activity Professionals; or
  - (e) the required basic activity course was completed prior to September 1, 2024.

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