

10A NCAC 27G .3402 STAFF

(a) Each facility shall have full-time staff as follows:

- (1) One full-time certified alcoholism, drug abuse or substance abuse counselor for a facility having up to 30 occupied beds, and for every 30 occupied bed increment or portion thereafter.
- (2) One full-time qualified alcoholism, drug abuse or substance abuse professional as defined in Paragraphs (14), (17) and (19) of 10A NCAC 27G .0104 for facilities having 11 or more occupied beds, and for every additional occupied 10-bed increment or portion thereafter.
- (3) The remaining full-time staff members required by Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule may be either qualified alcoholism, drug abuse, or substance abuse counselors.

(b) A minimum of one staff member shall be present in the facility when clients are present in the facility.

(c) In facilities that serve minors, a minimum of one staff member for each five or fewer minor clients shall be on duty during waking hours when minor clients are present.

(d) Any qualified alcoholism, drug abuse or substance abuse professional who is not certified shall become certified by the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Certification Board within 26 months from the date of employment, or from the date an unqualified person meets the requirements to be qualified, whichever is later.

(e) Each direct care staff member shall receive annual continuing education to include understanding of the nature of addiction, the withdrawal syndrome, group therapy, and family therapy through in-service training, academic course work, or training approved by the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Certification Board.

(f) Each direct care staff member in a facility that serves minors shall receive training in youth development and therapeutic techniques in working with youth.

(g) Each facility shall have at least one staff member on duty trained in the following areas:

- (1) alcohol and other drug withdrawal symptoms; and
- (2) symptoms of secondary complications to alcoholism and drug addiction.

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