

10A NCAC 27H .0204 TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

(a) The individual seeking certification as a forensic evaluator shall complete six hours of initial training provided by the Division in order to be certified as a local certified forensic evaluator. The initial training shall include:

- (1) current laws and practices including the role of the local certified forensic evaluator in the capacity to proceed evaluation process;
- (2) procedures for conducting interviews including evaluation for the presence of mh/dd/sa disorders, or other relevant conditions;
- (3) procedures for completing reports required by Rule .0207 of this Section;
- (4) process for reporting findings to the court; and
- (5) an examination at the conclusion of the training which assesses comprehension of the training material and an understanding of the duties of a local certified forensic evaluator.

(b) Each local certified forensic evaluator shall complete four hours of continuing education seminars provided by the Pre-Trial Evaluation Center by December 31 of each calendar year.

(c) Continuing education seminar topics may include:

- (1) evaluation skills training to enhance skills acquired through the initial local certified forensic evaluator training;
- (2) changes in existing laws and current practices; and
- (3) evaluation of mh/dd/sa populations.

(d) Local certified forensic evaluators shall be exempt from the continuing education requirement in the calendar year in which they are first certified.

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