

**21 NCAC 53 .0209            QUALIFIED CLINICAL SUPERVISOR**

(a) A "qualified clinical supervisor" is:

- (1) A licensed clinical mental health counselor with the following:
  - (A) a master's degree as defined in G.S. 90-336(b)(1);
  - (B) an independent license that is not under supervision;
  - (C) the equivalent of three semester graduate credits in clinical supervision from a regionally accredited institution of higher education as documented by an official transcript or 45 contact hours of continuing education in clinical supervision as defined by Rule .0603(c) in this Chapter; and
  - (D) a minimum of five years of post-graduate counseling experience with a minimum of two years of post licensure experience; or
- (2) An equivalently and actively licensed mental health professional as defined in Paragraph (c) of this Rule.

(b) As of July 1, 2017, all qualified clinical supervisors shall hold the credential of licensed clinical mental health counselor supervisor or be a licensed clinical mental health counselor or an equivalently and actively licensed mental health professional, as defined in Paragraph (c) of this Rule.

(c) "Equivalently and actively licensed" means that the mental health professional shall have:

- (1) at least a master's degree as defined in G.S. 90-336(b)(1);
- (2) an independent license that is not under supervision and is in good standing with the respective licensing board;
- (3) the equivalent of three semester graduate credits in clinical supervision from a regionally accredited institution of higher education as documented by an official transcript or 45 contact hours of continuing education in clinical supervision, as defined by Rule .0603(c) in this Chapter;
- (4) a minimum of five years of post-graduate counseling experience, with a minimum of two years of post licensure experience; and
- (5) a minimum of 10 contact hours of continuing education in professional knowledge and competency in the field of counseling supervision completed every two years and submitted to the Board.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-330(a)(4); 90-334(h),(i); 90-336(d);  
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