

21 NCAC 68 .0503 COMPETENCE

- (a) The substance abuse professional shall employ the requisite knowledge, skill and proficiencies of a substance abuse practitioner competently providing services within his or her scope of practice.
- (b) The substance abuse professional shall strive to learn about cultural and ethnic values in order to provide the highest level of care for a client who possesses a diverse or unfamiliar cultural or ethnic background.
- (c) The substance abuse professional shall provide the necessary interpretive services to any client or refer the person for necessary services.
- (d) The substance abuse professional shall assist in eliminating prevention, intervention, treatment, and supervision practices by persons unqualified or unauthorized to practice in the field.
- (e) The substance abuse professional who knows of unethical conduct or of unprofessional practices by a substance abuse professional shall report such violations to the Board.
- (f) The substance abuse professional shall recognize boundaries and limitations of his or her competencies and not offer services or use techniques outside of his or her professional competencies and scope of practice.
- (g) The substance abuse professional who identifies a need for services outside his or her skill, training or experience shall refer the client to an appropriate professional or shall seek supervision and training to provide the required services for the individual.
- (h) The substance abuse professional shall complete reports and record keeping functions in a manner that supports the client's treatment experience and welfare.
- (i) The substance abuse professional shall recognize the negative impact impairment has on his or her functioning in public and professional performance and shall seek an assessment by a Board-approved provider and follow the recommendations.
- (j) No applicant shall be credentialed as a substance abuse professional who is serving any part of a court-ordered sentence as specifically prohibited by 21 NCAC 68 .0224.

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