

Vermont Board of Nursing

Qualifications for Board Approval of Independent Evaluators and Treating Professionals (Substance Use Disorders)

Education

Completion of graduate education (master's degree or doctorate) in psychology, social work, psychiatric/mental health nursing, or a related field from an accredited institution.

Experience

Current professional employment by an agency or self-employed in an independent practice with a specialty in or offering treatment primarily to clients with substance use disorders.

Credentials

Active, unencumbered licensure, registration, and/or certification by a Vermont authority in a field such as: Psychologist, Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist, or Clinical Mental Health Counselor (Office of Professional Regulation); and,

Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC; Department of Health) or a comparable credential in another field (e.g., Board Certified physician in Addictionology)

Board Expectations

Ability to provide timely report(s) consistent with Board of Nursing monitoring agreements, reinstatement requirements, and/or Alternative Program admission criteria:

- Independent Evaluation according to content Guidelines provided by the Board;
- Treating Professional: treatment plan (to include, at a minimum, the frequency of individual sessions, group sessions, and attendance at support groups) and monthly reports on the form provided.

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