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Positions Statements Related to Clinical Substance Abuse Counseling Issued by the Department of Safety and Professional Services

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPERVISION (WHO MAY SUPERVISE?)

In order to provide supervision to Substance Abuse Counselors, an individual must be certified by the Department as a Clinical Supervisor, Intermediate Clinical Supervisor, or Clinical Supervisor-In -Training, unless exempt under [SPS 162.02](#). (See [SPS 161.05](#) for information on supervisor certification.) Only Clinical Supervisors may supervise Intermediate Clinical Supervisors and Clinical Supervisors-In-Training. Also, Clinical Supervisors-In-Training may not supervise the experience of Substance Abuse Counselors-In-Training. The requirements for supervision are outlined in [Ch. SPS 162](#), Wisc. Admin. Code.

WHAT FALLS UNDER WORK EXPERIENCE?

In order to reach the minimum qualifications for certification as a Substance Abuse Counselor, the applicant must have 4000 hours of work experience, or 7000 hours for a Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor ([SPS 161.04\(2\)](#)). Work experience is anything that falls under the scope of practice dimensions as defined in [SPS 160.02\(20\)](#). For a prevention specialist, the applicant must have 2000 hours of work experience, with a minimum of 100 hours of experience in each of prevention domains as defined in [SPS 160.02\(22\)](#). For both certifications, hours may not be accrued until the Substance Abuse Counselor-In-Training or Prevention Specialist-In-Training certificates have been obtained through the Department.

IS THERE A CODE OF ETHICS FOR THIS PROFESSION?

[Ch. SPS 164](#), Wisc. Admin. Code provides information about unprofessional conduct of substance abuse professionals.