

Definition of Qualifying Health Professional (QHP)

"Qualified Health Professional" means any of the professionals listed below, who are in good standing with the appropriate licensing or certifying authority, as applicable, with a minimum of one year of experience in the treatment of alcoholism or substance abuse and/or chemical dependence, or satisfactory completion of a training program in the treatment of alcoholism or substance abuse and/or chemical dependence:

- (i) a credentialed alcoholism and substance abuse counselor who has a current valid credential issued by the Office, or a comparable credential, certificate or license from another recognized certifying body as determined by the Office;
- (ii) a certified social worker licensed and currently registered as such by the New York State Education Department;
- (iii) a certified nurse practitioner licensed and currently registered by the New York State Education Department as both a professional nurse and a certified nurse practitioner;
- (iv) an occupational therapist licensed and currently registered as such by the New York State Education Department;
- (v) a physician licensed and currently registered as such by the New York State Education Department;
- (vi) a physician's assistant licensed and currently registered as such by the New York State Education Department and whose practice is in conformity with Section 3701 of the Public Health Law;
- (vii) a registered professional nurse currently licensed and registered as such by the New York State Education Department;
- (viii) a psychologist licensed and currently registered as such by the New York State Education Department;
- (ix) a rehabilitation counselor certified by the Commission of Rehabilitation Counselor Certification;
- (x) a therapeutic recreation therapist who holds a baccalaureate degree in a field allied to therapeutic recreation and, either before or after receiving such degree, has five years of full-time, paid work experience in an activities program in a health care setting or an equivalent combination of advanced training, specialized therapeutic recreation education and experience, or is a recreational therapist certified by the National Council on Therapeutic Recreation or the American Therapeutic Recreation Association;
- (xi) a family therapist who is currently accredited as such by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT); or
- (xii) a counselor certified by and currently registered as such with the National Board for Certified Counselors.