

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
Criteria for Clinical Privileges**

Refer to these criteria by number and letter to justify approving/disapproving an applicant's clinical privilege request.

I. Counseling

- A. To perform Supportive Counseling, a mental health counselor or behavior specialist needs:
 - 1. At least a bachelor's degree in counseling, psychology or a closely related field.
- B. To perform Psychoeducational Training, a mental health counselor or behavior specialist needs:
 - 1. At least a bachelor's degree in counseling, psychology or a closely related field,
 - 2. Or at least having co-facilitated a psychoeducational group.
- C. To perform Correctional Case Management, a mental health counselor or behavior specialist needs:
 - 1. At least a bachelor's degree.
- D. To conduct Life Skills Training, a mental health counselor or behavior specialist needs:
 - 1. At least a bachelor's degree.

II. Therapy

- A. To perform Individual Therapy, a mental health counselor or behavior specialist needs:
 - 1. At least a master's degree in counseling (with adequate emphasis in the mental health field), psychology, or meet the educational requirements as a clinical social worker, marriage and family counselor or psychologist.
 - 2. And two years of clinical supervision while providing services to a mental health population.
- B. To perform Group Therapy:
 - 1. Without a licensed co-facilitator, a mental health counselor or behavior specialist needs:
 - a. At least a master's degree in counseling (with adequate emphasis in the mental health field),

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- psychology, or meet the educational requirements for licensure as a clinical social worker, marriage and family counselor or psychologist.
 - b. and at least three (3) months of co-facilitating a therapy group and receiving clinical supervision from a licensed clinician. (The clinical supervisor must assess the counselor's or behavior specialist's skills to be appropriate before granting the privilege at the three (3) month interval).
 - 2. With a licensed co-facilitator, a mental health counselor or behavior specialist needs at least a master's degree in counseling (with adequate emphasis in the mental health field), psychology, or meet the educational requirements for licensure as a clinical social worker, marriage and family counselor or psychologist.
- C. To perform Sexual Abuse Therapy, a mental health counselor or behavior specialist needs:
 - 1. At least a master's degree in counseling or a related field,
 - a. At least a master's degree in counseling (with adequate emphasis in the mental health field), psychology or meet the educational requirements for licensure as a clinical social worker, marriage and family counselor or psychologist.
 - 2. Have successfully completed Georgia Department of Correction's Sexual Assault Counseling Training Program.

III. Evaluations

- A. To perform Mental Health Reception Screens, a mental health counselor or behavior specialist needs:
 - 1. At least a bachelor's degree and training in performing mental health reception screens.
- B. To perform the Mental Health Service Screen/Evaluation, a mental health counselor or behavior specialist needs:
 - 1. At least a master's degree in counseling (with adequate emphasis in the mental health field), psychology, or meet the educational requirements for licensure as a clinical social worker, marriage and family counselor or psychologist.

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- C. To perform the On-Call Triage, a mental health counselor or behavior specialist needs:
 - 1. Without having to call the on-call psychiatrist for consultation whenever he/she is asked to make a clinical decision, at least a master's degree in counseling (with adequate emphasis in the mental health field), psychology, or meet the educational requirements as a clinical social worker, marriage and family counselor or psychologist.
 - 2. While having to call the on-call psychiatrist for consultation whenever he/she is asked to make a clinical decision, at least a bachelor's degree with a major in counseling, psychology or a closely related field.

- D. To perform a Sexual Allegation Evaluation, a mental health counselor or behavior specialist needs:
 - 1. At least a master's degree in counseling (with adequate emphasis in the mental health field), psychology, or meet the educational requirements for licensure as a clinical social worker, marriage and family counselor or psychologist.
 - 2. and, to have successfully completed Georgia Department of Correction's Sexual Allegation Counseling Training Program.

- E. To perform a Disciplinary Evaluation, a mental health provider needs:
 - 1. To be a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, certified psychiatric clinical nurse specialist, licensed clinical social worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed master's social worker, or licensed master's family therapist.

- F. To perform an Administrative Segregation Evaluation, a qualified mental health provider needs:
 - 1. At least a master's degree in counseling (with adequate emphasis in the mental health field), psychology, or meet the educational requirements for licensure as a clinical social worker, marriage and family counselor or psychologist.

IV. Psychological Testing

- A. To administer and score Intelligence Tests, a behavior specialist needs:
 - 1. At least a master's degree in psychology or a related field.

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2. and to have passed a skill assessment by his/her clinical supervisor
- B. To administer and score Objective Personality Tests, a behavior specialist needs:
1. At least a master's degree in psychology or a related field,
 2. and to have passed a skill assessment by his/her clinical supervisor.
- C. To administer and score Projective Personality Tests, under the direct supervision of a psychologist, a behavior specialist needs:
1. At least a master's degree in psychology or a related field,
 2. and one year of clinically supervised experience administering and scoring projective tests,
 3. and to have passed a skill assessment by his/her clinical supervisor.
- D. To administer and score Neuropsychological Tests, under the direct supervision of a psychologist, a behavior specialist needs:
1. At least a master's degree in psychology or a related field,
 2. and to have passed a skill assessment by his/her clinical supervisor.