



## Health Professionals' Services Program Program Guidelines

**Title: Minimum Standards for Evaluators**

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### **Guideline:**

1 Evaluators must be qualified as determined by the Oregon Health Authority Integrated Services and  
2 Support Rules (OAR 309-032-1500 - 309-032-1565) to conduct both mental health and substance use  
3 disorder assessments to determine the appropriate treatment recommendations.  
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#### 5 **Qualified Substance Use Disorder Evaluators**

6 1) Evaluators must be licensed, or otherwise authorized to practice, in the state they are providing the  
7 assessment service and must have experience in the assessment and treatment of health care  
8 professionals. They must have experience providing a level of care recommendation in accordance with  
9 the American Society of Addiction Medicine Patient Placement Criteria.

10 2) Evaluators must be certified or licensed by a health or allied provider agency to provide alcohol and  
11 other drug treatment services that include assessment and treatment planning.

12 The certification must have included at least:

- 13 • 750 hours of supervised experience in substance use counseling
  - 14 • 150 contact hours of education and training in substance use related subjects; and
  - 15 • Successful completion of a written objective examination
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17 For evaluators holding a health or allied provider license, the license or registration must have been  
18 issued by one of the following state bodies and the person must possess documentation of at least 60  
19 contact hours of academic or continuing professional education in alcohol or another drug treatment

- 20 • Medical Board
  - 21 • Board of Psychologists Examiners
  - 22 • Board of Licensed Social Workers
  - 23 • Board of Nursing
  - 24 • Board of Licensed Professional Counselors
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28 **Qualified Mental Health Professional Evaluators**

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30 1) Evaluators must be licensed, or otherwise authorized to practice, in the state they are providing the  
31 assessment service and must have experience in the assessment and treatment of health care  
32 professionals.

33 2) Evaluators must be licensed by a health or allied provider agency to provide mental health treatment  
34 services that include assessment and treatment planning.

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36 3) Evaluators must hold a graduate or other advanced practice degree in psychology, social work, or  
37 other behavioral health field.

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39 **For All Evaluators:**

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41 Evaluators must demonstrate the ability to conduct an assessment, including identifying precipitating  
42 events, gathering histories of mental and physical health, alcohol and other drug use, past mental health  
43 services and criminal justice contacts, assessing family, cultural, social, and work relationships,  
44 conducting a mental status examination, and completing a DSM-5 diagnosis. There must also be a  
45 screening for suicidal and homicidal ideation and current or past trauma and abuse.

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47 Evaluators should be familiar with specialized health professional programs offered by treatment  
48 facilities in the state of Oregon, and preferably those around the country, that include multidisciplinary  
49 evaluations as well as psychiatric and/or substance use disorder treatment. The evaluator must be  
50 aware which programs are best for the specific diagnosis and be able to recommend two to three  
51 specific programs for each client whose assessment recommends further evaluation and/or treatment.

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53 Professionals interested in becoming evaluators for the Health Professionals' Services Program should  
54 email an application packet to: [hpsp@uprisehealth.com](mailto:hpsp@uprisehealth.com) for review. The packet must include CV or  
55 resume, copy of current license and state certifications, malpractice insurance and a sample assessment  
56 of a health care professional.

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