

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL AS A DOC APPROVED PROVIDER

Sex Offender Intern: Individuals meeting the requirements below may perform specified duties with sexual offenders under the supervision of a Sex Offender Treatment Supervisor.

REQUIREMENTS:

- The candidate must have a Bachelor's degree in the behavioral sciences.
- They must be enrolled in a program of graduate study at an accredited college or university and have satisfactorily completed the necessary course work to be approved for an internship under the guidelines of the department in which they are enrolled.
- They must complete a minimum of 80 hours of continuing education specifically in the area of assessment and treatment of sexual offending prior to the internship.
- They must work under the direct supervision of a Sex Offender Treatment Supervisor.
- They may not conduct individual, group, or family counseling without the supervisor present until they have had a minimum of 200 hours of experience with the supervisor present. Independent facilitation of therapy sessions must be approved by the Treatment Supervisor beforehand. Additional hours of direct, on-site supervision may be required at the discretion of the Treatment Supervisor. The Treatment Supervisor shall sit in on group, individual, and family counseling sessions at his or her discretion. Audio and/or video tapes of counseling sessions may be reviewed by the Treatment Supervisor.
- The Treatment Supervisor will conduct ongoing assessments of the intern's progress in supervision. Areas of weakness will be noted and a plan for correction will be established. This may include additional continuing education and/or additional direct in vivo supervision.
- The Treatment Supervisor will coordinate and collaborate with the intern's graduate clinical supervisor.
- The internship will continue for a minimum of 12 months. The length of the internship may be extended upon the recommendation of the Treatment Supervisor.