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### **Positions Statements Related to Prevention Specialists 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.