

Title: Provider Qualifications	Policy Number: 5.3
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Purpose Statement of Policy:

To provide preventive and reproductive services to men and women of child bearing age through qualified and competent staff in Title X Family Planning Clinics.

Definition:

Defined within the Provider Qualifications policy the following areas must be addressed:

- Clinics are administered by a qualified project director.
- The clinical care component operates under the responsibility of a medical director who is a licensed and qualified physician with special training or experience in family planning.
- Protocols/standing orders exist that provide all clinic personnel with guidelines for client care.
- Orientation and in-service training is required of all family planning personnel.
- The completion of the Introduction to Principles of Public Health and Public Health Nursing course is required under NC Administrative Code during the first year of employment in a local health department for all registered nurses who do not have a baccalaureate in nursing degree.

Responsibilities:

It is the responsibility of the local health department and its designated personnel to develop, implement and ensure compliance among all staff on the administration of the Provider Qualifications policy in the Title X Family Planning Clinic.

Policy:

The local health department will ensure that written policies are in place that address the above required areas in the definition section for provision of provider qualifications for all staff in the family planning clinic.

Legal Authority:

This policy is based on Title X regulations (January, 2001) Sections 6.5 and 6.6 concerning personnel and training and the North Carolina Administrative Code 10A NCAC 46.0301.

References:

Title X Guidelines can be accessed at:

https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/servlet/document.DownloadPdfPublicServlet?document_id=7157

The North Carolina Administrative Code can be accessed:

<http://ncrules.state.nc.us/ncac.asp?folderName=%5CTitle%2010A%20-%20Health%20and%20Human%20Services>

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