

**WAC 388-835-0030 What is a "qualified therapist"?** A qualified therapist is any of the following:

- (1) An activity specialist who has department specified specialized education, training, or experience;
- (2) An audiologist eligible for a certificate of clinical competency in audiology or possessing the equivalent education and clinical experience;
- (3) A dental hygienist defined, licensed and regulated by chapter 18.29 RCW;
- (4) A dietitian either:
  - (a) Eligible for registration by the American Dietetic Association under requirements in effect on January 17, 1974; or
  - (b) With a baccalaureate degree whose major studies covered food and nutrition, dietetics, or food service management; plus one year supervisory experience in the dietetic service of a health care institution; and annual participation in continuing dietetic education;
- (5) An occupational therapist who graduated from a program in occupational therapy or who possesses the equivalent of such education or training and meets all Washington state legal requirements;
- (6) A pharmacist who is licensed by the Washington state board of pharmacy to engage in the practice of pharmacy;
- (7) A physical therapist, meaning someone practicing physical therapy as defined in RCW 18.74.010(3). Physical therapist does not include massage operators as defined in RCW 18.108.010;
- (8) A physician as defined, licensed and regulated by chapter 18.71 RCW or an osteopathic physician as defined, licensed and regulated by chapter 18.57 RCW;
- (9) A psychologist as defined, licensed and regulated by chapter 18.83 RCW;
- (10) A qualified intellectual disability professional;
- (11) A registered nurse as defined by chapter 18.88A RCW;
- (12) A social worker who is a graduate of a school of social work; or
- (13) A speech pathologist either:
  - (a) Eligible for a certificate of clinical competence in speech pathology; or
  - (b) Possessing the equivalent education and clinical experience.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.12.030 and 44.04.280. WSR 15-09-069, § 388-835-0030, filed 4/15/15, effective 5/16/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 71A.20.140. WSR 01-10-013, § 388-835-0030, filed 4/20/01, effective 5/21/01.]