



Mississippi Board of Nursing

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CRITERIA FOR ASSESSORS:

The Board of Nursing approved the following criteria of assessors:

- 1) Should be an expert in the field, e.g., an addictionologist, clinical psychologist, or have a minimum of a master's level in counseling, psychology, or social work and a minimum of five years' work experience in the field of chemical dependency.
- 2) Assessor needs to have an understanding of public policy and safety issues and understand how to function performing assessments for third-party referrals.
- 3) Be willing to consult with nurses not only regarding the nursing field but also the setting, to gain an appreciation of the elements, potential risks, and ethical implications of the situation.
- 4) Willing to broaden sources for evaluation and collateral information such as conducting telephone interviews with employers, coworkers, and family members.
- 5) Willing to review accounts of the allegation.
- 6) References from credible sources.
- 7) Willing to utilize multiple assessment tools including but not limited to: bio-social interview, SASSI 4, and DSM V Criteria.
- 8) Demonstrated skill in evaluating or treating sophisticated professional clients.
- 9) Willing to make a clear diagnosis or an explanation of the lack of diagnosis.

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