Sec. 19a-36-D34. Qualifications of other personnel

Clinical laboratory personnel other than the director shall meet the educational, training and/or experiential requirements identified in this section.

(a) For laboratories performing tests categorized as moderate complexity, personnel shall meet the following requirements.

(1) A technical consultant shall:

(A) be a physician licensed to practice medicine in Connecticut who is certified in anatomic and/or clinical pathology by the Board of Pathology or the American Osteopathic Board of Pathology or meets all of the education, training or experience requirements to take the examination but has not actually taken and successfully completed the examination; or

(B) hold an earned doctoral or master's degree in a chemical, physical, biological or clinical laboratory science or medical technology from an accredited institution and have at least one (1) year of laboratory training or experience, or both in non-waived testing, in the designated specialty areas of service for which the technical consultant is responsible; or

(C) have earned a bachelor's degree in chemical, physical or biological science or medical technology from an accredited institution and have at least two (2) years of laboratory training or experience, or both in the designated specialty or sub-specialty areas of services for which the technical consultant is responsible.

(2) A clinical consultant shall be qualified to consult with and render opinions to the laboratory's clients concerning diagnosis, treatment and management of patient care and shall:

(A) be qualified as a laboratory director in accordance with Section 19a-36-D33(a) (1) or (2) (A); or

(B) be a physician licensed to practice medicine, osteopathy or podiatry in Connecticut.

(3) Testing personnel shall:

(A) be a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in Connecticut or have earned a doctoral, master's or bachelor's degree in a chemical, physical, biological or clinical laboratory science or medical technology from an accredited institution; or

(B) have earned an associate degree in chemical, physical or biological science or medical laboratory technology from an accredited institution; or

(C) have earned a high school diploma or equivalent and have documentation of training appropriate for the testing performed prior to analyzing patient specimens.

(b) For laboratories performing tests categorized as high complexity, personnel shall meet the requirements identified in subsection (a) of this section or the requirements identified in CLIA, Title 42, Part 493 of the code of federal regulations, whichever are more stringent.

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