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GUIDELINE D

Category F & G – Doctoral-Level Supervisor Qualification Under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-357.5(c)(2)

The North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition (the “Board”) has created this guideline for the purpose of providing Category F & G applicants guidance on how a supervisor may be qualified under the “doctoral-degree” option in N.C.G.S. § 90-357.5(c)(2).

Each supervisor must have **at least one** of the following professional designations, and, per 21 NCAC 17 .0104(m)(2)(D), they must have held the designation **at the time of supervision**.

- A. Certified Nutrition Specialist (CNS)
- B. Diplomate of the American Clinical Board of Nutrition (DACBN)
- C. Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RD/RDN)
- D. Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist (LDN)
- E. Licensed Nutritionist (LN)
- F. North Carolina licensed health care practitioner whose licensed scope of practice includes dietetics or nutrition.
- G. Individual with a doctoral degree conferred by a United States regionally accredited college or university with a major course of study in human nutrition, foods and nutrition, dietetics, nutrition education, nutrition, nutrition science, clinical nutrition, applied clinical nutrition, nutrition counseling, nutrition and functional medicine, nutritional biochemistry, nutrition and integrative health, or an equivalent course of study, with a reasonable threshold of academic credits in nutrition and nutrition sciences as described in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-357.5 (c)(1)(a) & (b).

Credentialing under letters A through F above is straightforward; the supervisor must have held that credential at the time they supervised the applicant. This guideline is aimed at assisting applicants in navigating how a supervisor may qualify through letter “G” if their doctoral degree is not explicitly listed in the law shown above.

Coursework mentioned in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-357.5 (c)(1)(a) & (b) is outlined on Form A6, which can be found on our website: www.ncbdn.org under “Resources” → “Forms & Documents”

Applicants should be aware that not all BCNS-approved supervisors may meet the requirements in this State.

STEPS TO QUALIFY A SUPERVISOR

To qualify as a supervisor via the “doctoral-degree” pathway shown in “G” noted above, if the doctoral degree is not explicitly listed in the law, the Board will require the applicant’s supervisor in question to produce **all of** the following:

1. Original transcripts from the Doctoral-granting institution, indicating the supervisor holds a doctoral degree in a field where the scope of practice can reasonably be considered to include dietetics and nutrition; **and**
2. A completed Form A6 demonstrating that the doctoral-level supervisor has completed a reasonable threshold of academic credits in nutrition and nutrition sciences as described in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-357.5 (c)(1), from a regionally accredited institution; **and**
3. Original transcripts from the regionally accredited institutions for coursework being considered on Form A6.

Applicants seeking Supervisor qualification through this path can complete Form “D-1” and submit to the Board office in advance of applying, or, in combination with a valid application.

This document has been reviewed and approved by the North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition for use as a guideline only. It is provided to help applicants better understand approval of a doctoral-level supervisor mentioned in N.C.G.S. § 90-357.5(c)(2). It is not all inclusive or exclusive. This guideline is provided as information only and is not intended to address any specific case scenario. This document should not be construed to impose any requirements or limitations on supervisors used in internships past, present, or future. In the event of a conflict between this document and the North Carolina Dietetics/Nutrition Practice Act and associated Rules, the Act and Rules will govern.