

ODP ID/A Supports Coordinator Qualification Clarification

Minimum Qualifications for Supports Coordinators:

A bachelor's degree, which includes or is supplemented by at least 12 college credits in sociology, social welfare, psychology, gerontology, criminal justice, or other related social science*.

- *Bachelor's degree with 12 eligible credits and no experience*

OR

Two years' experience as a County Social Service Aide 3 and two years of college level course work, which include at least 12 college credits in sociology, social welfare, psychology, gerontology, criminal justice, or other related social service*.

- *Two years of college (including earning an associate degree) with 12 eligible credits AND two years' experience in a position performing paraprofessional case management functions**)*

OR

Any equivalent combination of experience and training which includes 12 college credits in sociology, social welfare, psychology, gerontology, criminal justice, or other related social service* and one year of experience as a County Social Services Aide 3 or similar position performing paraprofessional case management functions**.

- *12 eligible credits AND three years' experience in a position performing paraprofessional case management functions**- experience can be calculated through the completion of acceptable social science/social service courses at the rate of 30 credits equaling one year experience.*

*Courses that fall under "other related social science/services" include:

Administration of Justice	History
Anthropology	Human Behavior
Art Therapy	Human Development
Child Development	Human Services
Counseling	Movement Therapy
Criminology	Music Therapy
Economics	Political Science
English	Social Welfare
Geography	Special Education

**Definition of paraprofessional case management functions:

Positions in public or private social services agencies, performing activities that includes interviewing; providing information; referring to community resources; and determining or verifying eligibility for services. Direct care such as Therapeutic Staff Support, Personal Care Assistants, Direct Support Professional etc. does not meet the requirement of paraprofessional case management.

Please email the SC qualification mailbox for assistance: ra-odpscqualifications@pa.gov