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## Sex Offender Therapists

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**Clinical sex offender therapists** and **associate sex offender therapists** provide services for the treatment and rehabilitation of sex offenders.

#### Qualifications

**Clinical sex offender therapists** must have a minimum of a master's degree in the behavioral sciences and an active Oregon mental health professional license, or equivalent, to be certified in Oregon.

They are also required to have had a minimum of 2,000 hours of direct clinical contact with sex offenders within not less than three years nor more than six years prior to application. Clinical contact includes:

- 1,000 hours of direct treatment services
- 500 hours of evaluations
- A minimum of 60 hours of formal training applicable to sex offender treatment and evaluation, achieved within the three years prior to application

**Associate sex offender therapists** must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in the behavioral sciences and be under the direct supervision of a clinical sex offender therapist to be certified in Oregon. They are also required to have had:

- A minimum of 1,000 hours of direct clinical contact with sex offenders
- A minimum of 30 hours of formal training applicable to sex offender treatment, achieved within the three years prior to application

**Grandfathering Provision:** Sex offender therapists without active mental health licensure may obtain clinical-level certification through a time-limited grandfathering provision. Visit [www.oregon.gov/OHLA/SOTB](http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/SOTB) for more information.

**Authorizing Laws & Rules:** This program exists under the regulatory oversight of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA). Sex Offender Treatment Board (SOTB) profession-specific statutes (ORS 675.360-410) and administrative rules (OAR Chapter 331, Divisions 800-850) link to OHLA's overarching statutes (ORS 676.600-992) and rules (OAR 331, Divisions 1-30) for all OHLA-regulated professions.



The Sex Offender Treatment Board (SOTB) provides profession-specific expertise to the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA).

For more information, visit [www.oregon.gov/OHLA/SOTB](http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/SOTB)