

§482.62(d)(1) The director of psychiatric nursing services must be a registered nurse who has a master's degree in psychiatric or mental health nursing or its equivalent from a school of nursing accredited by the National League for Nursing, or be qualified by education and experience in the care of the mentally ill . . .

Interpretive Guidelines §482.62(d)(1)

During the interview with the DON, assess his/her educational background and psychiatric nursing and leadership skills. If the DON has less than a Master's Degree in Psychiatric Nursing, expect to see evidence of experience and on-going training in psychiatric nursing. Documented consultation from a nurse with a Master's in Psychiatric Nursing constitutes on-going training.

Survey Procedures §482.62(d)(1)

Are nursing assessments completed on all patients?

Do the multidisciplinary treatment plans reflect nursing input which include specific nursing interventions for nursing problems (e.g. violence toward self/others, physical/medical crises)?

Is nursing care evaluated by an R.N., with changes in the care based on the patient's progress or lack thereof?

Are intrusive techniques (e.g. seclusion, restraint, electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), and/or medical procedures) and patient incidents (e.g. medication errors, patient falls, patient-to-patient and patient-to-staff injuries) monitored in accordance with hospital policy, State statutes and safe nursing practice?

Are nursing personnel observed relating to patients in a therapeutic manner?