

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR QUALIFIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

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I. OBJECTIVE:

To establish the Seneca County Correctional Facility's policy and guidelines for continuing education of health care professionals working at the facility.

II. POLICY:

Policy requires that all health care providers will receive initial and regularly ongoing training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and at least 12 hours of continuing education or staff development appropriate to their position.

Verification of annual attendance will be maintained for each health services staff member by the Corrections Training Coordinator.

III. DETAILS:

A. The Continuing Education Program may include in-house education in the form of in-service education, staff meetings in which subjects of an educational nature are discussed, outside seminars/conferences, medical videos, and the availability of relevant texts and professional journals.

B. The in-house in-service program:

1. Provides one (1) hour of clinical training per month, on average, for a total of 12 hours per year.
2. Is scheduled by topic, time, place, date and speaker for six (6) months on a continuing basis.
3. Requires attendance when the subject matter is essential information.

C. CPR training:

1. Is required for all newly employed health care providers.
2. Must be renewed as frequently as required by the individual's certification.
3. Is offered by a recognized certification program instructor, i.e. American Heart Association, Green Cross or American Red Cross.

D. Staff Meetings –

1. Staff meetings will be held as needed, but at least once per month, to ensure communication of important information to members of the facility medical staff.
2. Minutes will be kept for all staff meetings. Copies will be kept on file and are available for review by members of the facility medical staff.

E. Reference Material:

1. A basic reference library will be maintained on-site and is available to the health service staff.
2. At a minimum, the reference materials include current medical pharmacological (PDR), and nursing textbooks, desk reference for OB/GYN issues, and a medical dictionary. Additions to this library may include current professional journals, audio/visual takes, etc.