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MHRT/C Certification Program Update

Updated Competency Domains Are in Effect

Beginning this month, MHRT/C applications are being reviewed against the 2019 competency domains. There are eight domains, each with unique competencies. You can see a full listing here: http://cfl-muskie.org/images/files/docs/MHRT/Final_MHRT-C_Compencies_20170815.pdf
Domains 1 – 3 are priority domains and cannot be satisfied using work experience.

New Requirement to Earn a Provisional MHRT/C Certificate

All applicants for a Provisional MHRT/C certificate must complete the free one-hour online webinar *Maine's Mental Health System 101: An Introduction to Our History, Values, Services, and Roles*. Please forward a copy of the completion certificate with your application, and allow our staff up to 3 weeks to complete the review.

Link to MH101: <http://mhrt.trainingserver5.org/>

Already Have a Provisional MHRT/C Certificate?

Current Provisional MHRT/C Level A or B certificate holders should submit their completed coursework towards the next level of certification. Center For Learning (CFL) staff will review each application against the 2008 competencies, as well as against the 2019 competencies, to determine the most expedient path to certification. CFL staff will work with applicants through the transition to the new MHRT/C certification program.

Or Hold a Full MHRT/C Certificate?

All full MHRT/C certificates (including MHRT II, III, IV and C) should now have a two-year expiration period listed on their MHRT/C certificate. Anyone with a full MHRT/C certificate **without an expiration date** needs to contact the CFL office immediately with their contact information to have a new full MHRT/C reissued. The email to use is updatemhrtccontactinfo@cfl-muskie.org

Beginning in 2020, full MHRT/C certificates without expiration dates, or those certificates whose dates have expired, will not be considered valid certificates as required for reimbursement of services.

Misplaced Your MHRT/C Certificate?

If you've been out of the field for a while or can't seem to locate a copy of your certificate, please contact the CFL office and we will help you to bring your credential back to an active status. Send us an email at the following address, and let us know your situation. We'll address each request on an individual basis. updatemhrtccontactinfo@cfl-muskie.org

New MHRT/C Guidelines

The 2019 MHRT/C Guidelines can be downloaded from the CFL Website's Forms page: <http://www.cfl-muskie.org/index.php/documents-and-forms>

Please be sure to check back with the website. This is a working document and as new courses and programs are approved, they will be added to the guidelines.

Academic Programs Update

There are now 13 academic programs being offered this fall that are approved for full MHRT/C certification upon completion. There are also many courses approved to meet individual domain requirements. To see a listing of these courses and programs, follow this link:

<http://www.cfl-muskie.org/index.php/mhrt-community-certification-program-updates/17-mhrt-c/145-approved-programs>

New courses and programs are continuously being added when approved. As such, we recommend checking this list often.

New/incoming students are expected to complete newly approved courses whenever possible. There will be a transition period for students currently enrolled in approved MHRT/C programs. We will assess transcripts on a case-by-case basis to help determine each applicant's most expedient pathway to certification. This will take into account several factors, including what courses the applicant has already taken, any gaps the applicant has toward full certification, and the applicant's available course options.

Continuing Education Reminder

If you hold a full MHRT/C certificate, you have a continuing education (CE) requirement for renewal every two years. You must complete 18 hours of CE related to one or more of the competencies. At least four (4) hours must be in Ethics. The training must be done within the time period indicated on your MHRT/C certificate.

CFL will send you a reminder 90 days before your certificate expires. **Please do not send your documentation prior to this.** Also, the CFL does not maintain your CE documentation. You should scan and send by email or submit copies. Make sure we have your current email address!

Email: cfl-muskie@maine.edu

What will happen if I don't update my full MHRT/C certificate? Full MHRT/C certificates that are not updated with an expiration date will be invalid after January 1, 2020. Please send your complete current contact information to: updatemhrtcontactinfo@cfl-muskie.org

THANK YOU!

The CFL staff wishes to thank you in advance for your patience with MHRT/C certification application reviews. Staff is working diligently to perform thorough reviews of applications and inquiries, while being as responsive as possible during the transition to the new program. It might take us a day or two to get back to you, and we will! Thanks.

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