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MHRT/C Certification Program Update

Thank You!

Before we launch into our MHRT/C update, we wish to acknowledge you, the behavioral health providers, administrators and educators who continue to serve others during this most challenging time. Thank you for your commitment to the work and your perseverance during such uncertain times.

The CFL staff are working remotely and are available to help you with questions and certification issues. The best way to reach us is by email, cfl-muskie@maine.edu.

Changes to the Continuing Education In-Service Approval Process

In March 2019, a policy was implemented whereby agencies were required to submit their in-service programs for approval prior to providing the training. It was a one-time application so that agencies could repeat the same training for future staff without going through an approval process.

As of May 1, 2020, agencies are no longer required to submit documentation for in-service pre-approval. Over the past year, we have seen good progress from agencies in developing relevant training aligned with the MHRT/C competencies. The Maine Office of Behavioral Health (OBH, formerly SAMHS) will request documentation for review on a periodic basis to ensure ongoing quality training. Therefore, it is strongly suggested that agencies maintain documentation for all in-service programs. The documentation should include a program description, trainer qualifications, and a sample certificate of completion with the number of training hours. Individuals using an in-service for continuing education must include a certificate of completion for that training with their renewal application.

Full MHRT/C certificate holders are still required to complete 18 hours of continuing education over the two-year expiration period listed on their certificate. At least four of these hours must address ethics. The process for submitting a renewal application with supporting documentation is unchanged.

Are You New to ZOOM? Here are a Couple Resources

The COVID-19 social distancing mandate has spawned an urgent need to deploy technology in order to take care of business. As part of the University of Maine System, the Center for Learning has the good fortune to access the video-conferencing platform called Zoom. It has quickly become a regular part of our work day. As such, we thought we would share this link where you too can find assistance for going live with Zoom: <https://zoom.us/docs/en-us/covid19.html>

Also, Mark Lindquist from Port Resources, Inc. in South Portland, shared some of what he has learned from using video-conferencing to keep up with training for the behavioral health workforce.

<http://cfl-muskie.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Online-Instructor-Tips-from-M-Lindquist.pdf>

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