

MHRT/C Redesign Initiative Stakeholder Update

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Welcome and Introductions





Today's Agenda

- **MHRT/Community Certification Update**
- **Continuing Education Requirement**
- **Credit for Work Experience**
- **Pathways to Certification**
- **Academic Programs Update**
- **Non-Academic Training Options Update**
- **MHRT Code of Conduct**
- **Transition Plan**



MHRT/Community Certification

- Beginning January 1, 2018, all new Full MHRT/C certificates are being issued with a two-year expiration date and a continuing education requirement for renewal



MHRT/Community Certification

- All existing Full MHRT/C, II, III, IV certificates are being reissued as the MHRT/C with a two-year expiration date and a continuing education requirement for renewal



MHRT/Community Certification

- Existing full certificate holders are being asked to send us their complete updated personal (home) contact information using this designated e-mail address:

updatemhrtccontactinfo@cfl-muskie.org

- Certificates will be reissued depending on the month they were originally issued

Continuing Education Requirement

- Full MHRT/C certificate holders only, not Provisional
- 18 hours of continuing education related to the eight competency domains
- At least 4 of these hours must be in ethics
- Renewal every 2 years
- Relevant continuing education completed for other licensures/certifications can be submitted as long as the training is completed in the two-year expiration period and relates to the competency domains

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Credit for Work Experience

- **Six months related work experience for those with a related degree**
- **Applicants may meet up to four MHRT/C courses under the new Credit for Work Experience option**



Credit for Work Experience

- **Credit for Work Experience form is written and signed by the applicant's clinical supervisor**
- **If applicant doesn't have a clinical supervisor, it may be written and signed by an administrative supervisor with documentation to that effect**



Credit for Work Experience

- **Effective May 1, 2018, applicants with a qualifying related degree may use six months of relevant clinically-licensed work experience to meet one of the ten MHRT/C courses**
- **All other requirements of the Credit for Work Experience option remain the same as the current waiver policy**

Pathways to Certification

Candidates for MHRT/C certification must meet requirements in one or more of the three following areas:

- 1) Academic preparation
- 2) Non-academic training
- 3) Relevant work experience





Academic Programs

- There will continue to be pre-approved courses and degree programs for certification
- Two academic programs are currently under review with more expected this summer
- Many schools are spreading the competencies across several courses
- Many academic courses and programs will be pre-approved for full certification by Fall 2019 but there will still likely be many more to review
- We will evaluate applicants' qualifications on a case-by-case basis during the transition to the new system



Non-Academic Training Options

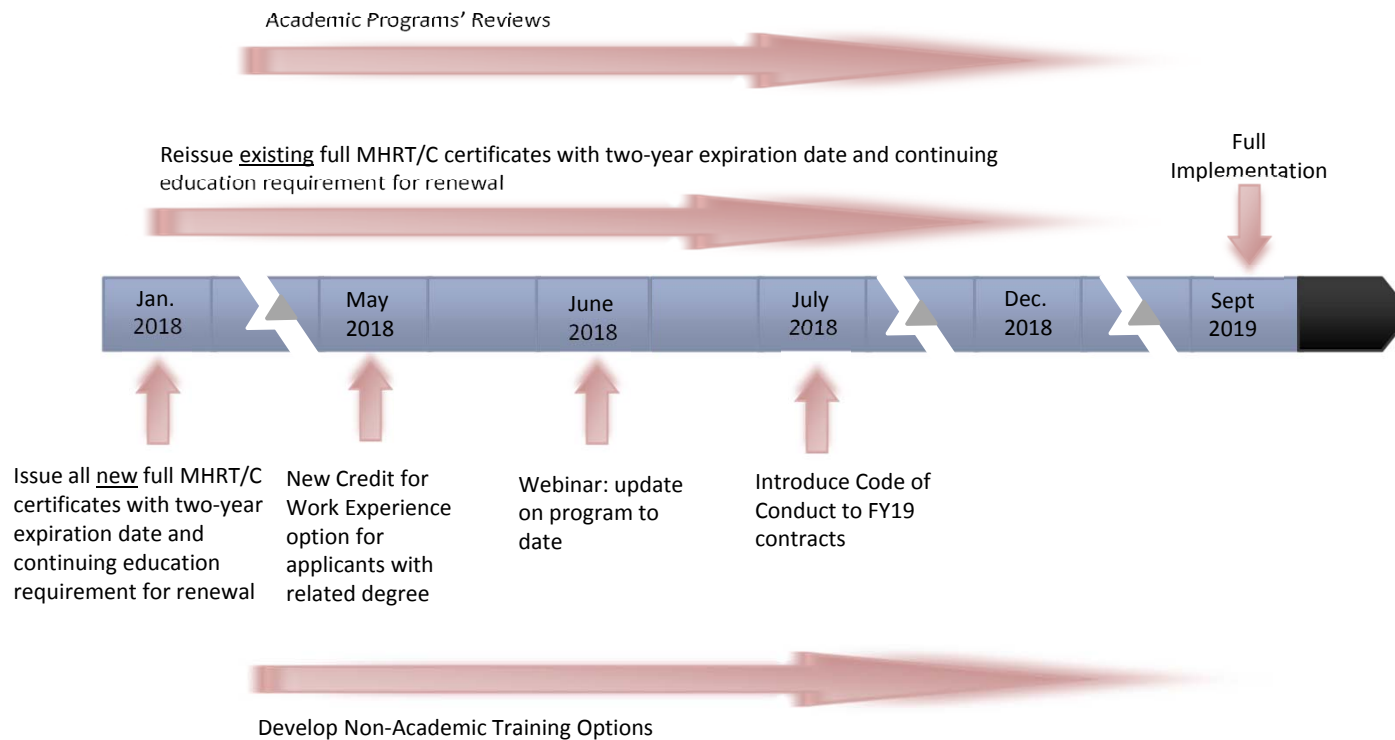
- Continue to run and recognize the existing program through transition
- Reviewing national online options
- DHHS/SAMHHS working on standardized curricula for some of the Domains
- Maintain and increase flexibility
- Enhanced quality assurance program will be developed



Code of Conduct: An Ethical Approach to MHRT/C and MHRT I Practice

- **Ethics Sub-Committee**
- **DHHS/SAMHS review and decision points**
- **Implementation of Code of Conduct**

TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MHRT/C REDESIGN



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