



Adult Correctional Officers
Juvenile Justice Professionals
Allied Behavioral Health Staff
Community Corrections Officers

Correctional Behavioral Health Training and Certification Program



This certification ensures a candidate's knowledge of national standards and guidelines, legal and ethical principles, and relevant security regulations.

It also validates the role of correctional professionals associated with the provision of behavioral health services for mentally ill inmates or offenders in correctional settings.

Candidates will gain

- Expanded knowledge: Identifies and awards recognition to staff who have demonstrated knowledge, skills and ability in working with mentally ill offenders through a standardized test of competency.
- Career opportunities: Provides a national standardized certification that validates capability in working with mentally ill offenders and improves ability to compete in the job market.
- Professional recognition: Raises the professional standards and qualifications of corrections professionals who work with mentally ill offenders.
- Standard of excellence: Enhances credibility, influences the future direction of the profession, and establishes the potential for increased compensation and benefits for staff.

CORRECTIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAINING

Module 1 — GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a. Access to care
- b. Responsible health care authority
- c. Confidentiality
- d. Grievance mechanism

Module 2 — PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT

- a. Mental health staffing
- b. Managing the mentally ill from a corrections administrator's perspective

Module 3 — INMATE CARE AND TREATMENT

- a. Basics of mental illness
- b. Basic services and levels of care
- c. Basic medications
- d. Multicultural treatment issues
- e. The multidisciplinary services team
- f. Individualized services/treatment plans
- g. Emergency services

Module 4 — SPECIAL NEEDS AND SERVICES

- a. Suicide and self-injury prevention
- b. Inpatient and residential care
- c. Substance abuse and co-occurring mental disorders
- d. Managing disruptive inmates
- e. Mental health needs of female offenders
- f. Crisis intervention and de-escalation
- g. Disciplinary process with the mentally ill
- h. Inmates in restrictive housing
- i. Re-entry pre-release planning
- j. Use of force with mentally ill offenders
- k. Trauma informed care

Module 5 — MEDICAL-LEGAL ISSUES

- a. Informed consent and right to refuse
- b. Involuntary treatment, restraint and seclusion
- c. Landmark cases

Module 6 — JUVENILES

- a. Developmental issues
- b. Mental health needs
- c. Trauma informed care

Module 7 — COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

- a. Probation and parole issues with mentally ill offenders
- b. Court diversion programs for mentally ill offenders

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Correctional Behavioral Health Certification-Correctional Officer (CBHC-CO)

- Adult Correctional Officers OR Juvenile Justice professionals
- Equivalent of one year experience in providing care for inmates/offenders in a specialized unit OR general population with behavioral health issues
- Minimum 40 hours of behavioral health related training

B. Correctional Behavioral Health Certification-Community Corrections Officer (CBHC-CC)

- Community corrections officers
- One year experience coordinating with community-based behavioral/mental health providers in supervision of offenders with behavioral health issues
- Minimum 40 hours of behavioral health related training

C. Correctional Behavioral Health Certification-Behavioral Specialty (CBHC-BS)

- Allied Behavioral Health staff (Nursing, medical support staff)
- Equivalent of two years' accumulated experience providing structured activities, psycho-educational programs, etc.
- At least one year of service in a specialized unit OR general population with behavioral health issues
- Minimum 40 hours of behavioral health related training

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