



Board Bulletin

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2015 Spring Update

Greetings Licensees and Certificate Holders:

We are pleased to offer the Board of Counseling's second e-newsletter to keep you informed on regulatory changes that may impact you and your practice.

Highlights from the last Board meeting:

Pending Legislation. During the 2015 General Assembly Session, legislators enacted SB 1417 which requires licensees of the Board of Counseling to display their board issued license and Department of Health Professions contact information where it is conspicuous to clients to enable them to file a complaint against the practitioner should they feel it necessary. An update on this new law will be provided to you as more information becomes available.

Education Standards. In accordance with the Board's mission to ensure safe and competent patient care by its licensees and certificate holders, the Board continues its evaluation of minimum educational standards, with particular focus on CACREP accreditation standards. Remember that, as a stakeholder, you always have the opportunity to comment on regulatory changes before Board implementation.

Portability. A national initiative is gaining momentum to streamline licensure portability from one jurisdiction to another. Under this effort, individuals who have post-licensure clinical practice for a minimum of five years under one jurisdiction's license will have a pathway to equivalent licensure in the new jurisdiction. Virginia has already taken steps to reduce the burden on applicants who relocate from one jurisdiction to another. Virginia's requirement for licensure by endorsement is that a practitioner document post-licensure clinical practice for a minimum of 24 months out of the last 60 months as a pathway to licensure

Outreach. The Board utilizes innovative strategies to reach and educate stakeholders regarding the licensure and regulation of practitioners. Last quarter, staff made presentations to graduate counseling students at Liberty, Capella, and VCU Rehabilitation Counseling.

Useful Links:

- [License Lookup](#)
- [Recent Case Decisions](#)
- [Laws and Regulations](#)
- [Guidance Documents](#)

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Special Message from the Executive Director

It is bittersweet for me to inform you that I will be leaving my role as Executive Director of the Board on March 27th to pursue a new healthcare leadership role in the private sector. I have worked with many of you over the years in your journey towards licensure, as you supervised others, and became affiliated with educational programs and professional associations. Together we have successfully met many challenges, learned much, and encouraged one another. As a result, I know that I am leaving you in good hands. We have an excellent Board who will provide outstanding direction and guidance, seasoned board staff, and innovative DHP leadership. I will miss you all.



Upcoming Meetings

April 30, 2015—Regulatory Committee
May 1, 2015—Quarterly Board Meeting
September 10, 2015—Regulatory Committee
September 11, 2015—Quarterly Board Meeting
November 12, 2015—Regulatory Committee
November 13, 2015—Quarterly Board Meeting

Renewal Time

Renewal time is rapidly approaching. Please be sure that the Board has your correct mailing address and email address. Should you need to change your status from Active to Inactive or from Inactive to Active, please contact the board office for assistance.

Remember that you will be attesting to the completion of CE hours when you renew. You do not need to submit your CE documentation to the board office unless requested to do so.

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Stay Connected with the Board

The Board of Counseling wants to stay connected with you. Here are opportunities for you to connect:

1. Review our website at www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling.
2. Register as a public user at <http://townhall.virginia.gov/> to receive emails when updates for the Board of Counseling are posted.
3. Ask staff to present information to your groups on licensure or disciplinary matters, either by video teleconference or in person.
4. Attend board meetings, committee meetings, and disciplinary proceedings. Meetings are open to the public.