



## Virginia Board of Counseling

### Announcement: *Regulations changes for QMHPs*

Effective November 13, 2019, Regulations Governing the Registration of Qualified Mental Health Professionals changed. The key changes are listed below:

- Acceptance of a foreign degree if the degree and coursework is equivalent to a course of study at an accredited school.
- Definition of QMHP-C has been updated to specify children or adolescents up to the age of 22.
- National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) self-query report will be required for all applicants registering for QMHP-A and QMHP-C.
- Supervision obtained in another United States jurisdiction supervised by a licensed mental health professional in that jurisdiction can be considered toward meeting the supervised experience requirements.
- Clarification made to the continued competency requirements section to specifically identify DBHDS licensed agencies as approved to provide continuing education.
- Registrants who hold **both** a QMHP-A and QMHP-C registration are only required to complete a total of 8 contact hours of continuing education.
- Allow licensed occupational therapist to meet the supervised experience requirements if they obtained an internship or practicum of at least 500 hours with person with mental illnesses.
- QMHP-Trainee registration expires five years from the date of issuance.
- QMHP-Trainees will now be issued and mailed a registration card.

**Note:** If you previously applied for QMHP-A or QMHP-C with a foreign degree or with out-of-state supervised experience, please contact the Board at [qmhp@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:qmhp@dhp.virginia.gov).

You can find a current copy of the Regulations on our website at [www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling) or at the following link [Regulations Governing the Registration of Qualified Mental Health Professionals \(11-13-2019\)](#).

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