



**DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health**

1901 North Dupont Highway, New Castle, Delaware 19720

**Table for Application Criteria – Credentialing of Mental Health Screeners**

(see Del. Administrative Code Title 16 Health and Safety, Department of Health and Social Services/DSAMH  
Reg 6002 Credentialing Mental Health Screeners and Payment for Voluntary Admissions)

Professionals Who May Apply to Become Credentialed Mental Health Screeners	Minimum Educational Degree	DELAWARE State Licensure <sup>1</sup>	Direct Superv. Mandatory/ Recommended	Min. Years of Clinical/ Crisis Experience <sup>2</sup>
PHYSICIAN - Psychiatrist	MD/DO	Yes		
PHYSICIAN – Emergency Medicine	MD/DO	Yes		
PHYSICIAN – Other Specialties	MD/DO	Yes		
ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE – Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Nurse Specialist – Psychiatry ONLY	Master's, or clinical nursing specialty certificate in psychiatry only	Yes		5
REGISTERED NURSE	Master's – Psychiatry specialty or Mental Health Nursing (MSN)	Yes		2 <sup>3</sup> -5
REGISTERED NURSE	Bachelor's (BSN)	Yes	Recommended	5
REGISTERED NURSE	2-Year RN Program (ADN)	Yes	Mandatory	2 <sup>3</sup> -5
PSYCHOLOGISTS	Psychology Doctoral	Yes		2 <sup>3</sup> -5
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER	Masters	Yes		5
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST	Masters	Yes		5
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	Bachelors + AMA-accred. PA program	Yes	Mandatory	5
ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR OF MENTAL HEALTH	Masters	Yes	Mandatory	5
ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST	Masters	Yes	Mandatory	5
Unlicensed Mental Health Profs Under Direct Psychiatric Supervision <sup>3</sup>	Bachelors or Masters in MH-related field	No	Mandatory	2

<sup>1</sup> All Registered Nurses must hold State of Delaware or Compact (Multi-State) Delaware Licensure

<sup>2</sup> Min. 5 years Experience for self-employed licensed professionals not employed by the State or by Stated-contracted health services providers.

<sup>3</sup> Working as a State employee or contractor, or if working with a Delaware Health Care Facility as an employee or contracted staff member;