

July 9, 2016

Dear Mental Health Provider,

Based on House Bill 311, effective July 1st, 2013, only a psychiatrist or credentialed mental health screener may initiate a 24-hour psychiatric detention for evaluation of an adult. In order to be credentialed, you must complete the training and successfully pass the test mandated by the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (DSAMH).

Requirements to become a Credentialed Mental Health Screener are as follows:

Providing a criminal background check to be paid for by the participant, having the designated level of clinical experience, being a licensed mental health professional or be under the direct supervision of a licensed psychiatrist, attending **all** hours of training and successfully passing the final exam.

The following outline pertains to the upcoming training:

Overview of DE Law and Screening Process - Day 1, 9/8/16 (Thursday)

Clinical Behavioral Assessment for Dangerousness and Documentation - Day 2, 9/15/16 (Thursday)

Assessment of Special Populations - Day 3, 9/22/16 (Thursday)

Assessment of Special Populations (cont.) Day 4, 9/29/16 (Thursday)

Screener Safety and Forms Review - Day 5, 10/6/16 (Thursday)

Community Resources and Exam - Day 6, 10/13/16 (Thursday)

Participants must attend each class to be credentialed. Training will begin at 9:00AM and conclude at 4:00PM daily. Breakfast & lunch will be at the discretion of the participant. There is no cost for the training, but the participant must provide a criminal background check.

Registration will be at 8:30 each day and participants must sign in at the beginning of each day and when returning from lunch.

Please contact Delaware Technical Community College, Terry Campus – Corporate and Community Programs at 857-1400 to register and for more information.

Thank you.