

Welcome to the DSAMH Mental Health Screener's Corner

Below is information on the upcoming 2018 screener training -

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

Requirements to become a Credentialed Mental Health Screener include the following: successfully passing a criminal background check, to be paid for by the training participant, possessing the designated level of clinical and psychiatric crisis experience and possessing either a license as a mental health counselor or being under the direct supervision of a licensed psychiatrist.

The following location information pertains to the upcoming training, April 11 – May 16, 2018:

Delaware Technical Community College

Terry Campus – 100 Campus Drive, Dover, DE 19904

• <i>Overview of DE law and Screening Process</i>	Day 1	April 11, 2018
• <i>Clinical Assessment for Dangerousness and Documentation</i>	Day 2	April 18, 2018
• <i>Assessment of Special Populations</i>	Day 3	April 25, 2018
• <i>Assessment of Special Populations (cont'd)</i>	Day 4	May 2, 2018
• <i>Screener Safety and Working With Police</i>	Day 5	May 9, 2018
• <i>Community Resources and Exam</i>	Day 6	May 16, 2018

Participants must attend all days to be credentialed, no exceptions. Training will begin each day at 9:00AM and conclude at 4:00PM – meals will be on your own. This training is provided at no cost to the agency or participant, but a criminal background check must be provided at the participant's expense.

Please contact Delaware Technical Community College, Terry Campus – Corporate and Community Programs at 302-857-1400 for more information.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a DSAMH Credentialed Mental Health Screener.