

Mental Health Screeners

Course Description

This 7-segment course provides certification training to Qualified Mental Health Professionals for screening Consumers with seriously acute psychiatric and/or safety concerns for potential inpatient treatment (including potential state psychiatric hospitalization). Training includes an overview of the newly updated *Mental Health Screening and Discharge Planning Handbook* and the Mental Health Screening Form and admission screen appendices. Case examples provide opportunities for completing the screening form. Other features include a Consumer installment series and Resource Center containing forms, screening tools, and links to additional resources and websites. This course is required of all Mental Health Screeners in the State of Kansas.

Course Objectives

A score of at least 80% is required on each of five Post Tests to successfully complete Mental Health Screeners. To attain this score, the participant will demonstrate a general understanding of mental health screening processes, including:

- The historical roots of mental health care and hospitalization screens
- Facilitating access to appropriate psychiatric care
- Representing best interests
- Core screening values
- Purpose of state hospital settings
- Options for secure hospitalization
- Admitting requirements
- Community and inpatient psychiatric alternatives
- Exceptional needs and circumstances
- Natural supports
- Core Mental Health Screening Form components
- Urgency standards
- EMTALA

Topics Covered in Mental Health Screeners

- An overview of the training series
- Introduction and background
- Role of the Mental Health Screener
- Role of State Hospitals and State Hospital Alternatives for Youth
- Community and Inpatient Diversion Options
- The Mental Health Screening Form and Admission Screens
- The Resource Center

CEU's Awarded Upon Completion: 12