



Certified Correctional Health Professional Mental Health

SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION FOR CORRECTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



From the Premier National Certification Program for Professionals in Correctional Health Care

Professional Advancement

Mental health professionals in the correctional environment face unique challenges. They must provide effective, efficient care to a high acuity population while facing strict security regulations, crowded facilities and the myriad legal and public health considerations unique to this specialty. To meet these challenges, continual professional growth is essential. Specialty certification provides formal recognition for practitioners who have engaged in a process of ongoing, focused and targeted professional development. Specialty certification in correctional mental health is a validation of your dedication to continuing competence and quality service delivery.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility is extended to all qualified mental health professionals as defined by the *Standards for Mental Health Services in Correctional Facilities* (2015), MH-A-02: "psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric social workers, licensed professional counselors, psychiatric nurse, or others who by virtue of their education, credentials, and experience are permitted by law to evaluate and care for the mental health needs of patients."

Prior to submitting an application, applicants must have:

- Current CCHP certification
- Graduate level (master's and above) degree
- Professional licensure within a U.S. state (for Canada and US territories, credentials will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis)
- Equivalent of three years of full-time practice in a correctional environment

Get Started

Elements of the application:

- Copy of professional licensure or proof of license eligibility, e.g., copy of diploma, if license to practice is not required by law in your state
- Signed application statement

Application deadlines for in-person exams are listed at www.ncchc.org/CCHP/calendar.

Registration and Candidacy

Once the application has been approved, applicants will receive acknowledgment of their candidacy to take the CCHP-MH examination. Candidates must register before the registration deadline for the exam they wish to take.

Preparing for the Examination

Visit the CCHP website to find recommended study materials, including the candidate handbook and on-demand video training.

The Examination

Candidates who meet the basic eligibility and application requirements will take a proctored examination composed of 80 to 100 multiple-choice questions. Candidates are allowed two hours to complete the examination.



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Your name should be submitted exactly as you want it to appear on all official correspondence.

Salutation _____ Name _____ Degree/Credential _____

Company/Facility Name _____ Job Title _____

Business Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP+4 _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP+4 _____

Business Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Fax _____ Email Address (required) _____

Preferred mailing to: Business Home

Payment Information

The CCHP-MH examination fee is \$330 (\$345 if submitted by mail or fax). Please make check payable to NCCHC. This fee is not refundable.

Please bill my MasterCard Visa American Express

Name as shown on the card (please print) _____

Card # _____ V-code _____ Expiration date _____

Billing address (if different from above) _____

Signature _____

Verification

I understand that certification depends on successfully completing all specified program requirements, including but not limited to application, investigation and examination.

By signing this application, I verify that (1) the information I have provided in this application is true, accurate and complete; (2) I have read and understand the eligibility requirements for certification; and (3) I meet the eligibility requirements for certification. I authorize NCCHC and/or the CCHP Board of Trustees to make any inquiries and investigations deemed necessary to verify my credentials, professional standing, and character and fitness.

I understand that any false statement or misrepresentation that I may make during the application or examination process may result in my being barred from taking the examination, invalidation of the results of my examination, denial or revocation of certification or other appropriate action, as determined by NCCHC and/or the CCHP Board.

If certification is granted, I further understand that I must maintain eligibility for certification throughout the entire period of certification and that I have a continuing obligation to notify NCCHC and/or the CCHP Board if my eligibility changes at any time before, during or after the application and examination process. Failure to do so may result in denial or revocation of certification or other appropriate action, as determined by NCCHC and/or the CCHP Board.

I hereby indemnify and hold harmless NCCHC and the CCHP Board of Trustees and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents from any or all liability, loss or damage that may result from denial of my application for certification, failure to successfully pass the examination and/or denial or revocation of certification.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Apply online at www.ncchc.org/CCHP-MH

Mail: NCCHC, PO Box 6233, Carol Stream, IL 60197-6233

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About the National Commission on Correctional Health Care

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care is a not-for-profit organization working to improve the quality of care in our nation's jails, prisons and juvenile detention and confinement facilities. In addition to the CCHP program, the Commission establishes standards for health services in correctional facilities, operates a voluntary accreditation program for institutions that meet these standards, produces and disseminates resource publications, publishes position statements and other support materials, conducts educational programs and provides other services. NCCHC is supported by the leading national organizations representing the fields of health, law and corrections.

Visit www.ncchc.org/CCHP-MH for the most up-to-date information including online application, exam dates and locations, ADA compliance, deferment and cancellation policies, continuing certification, FAQs, specialty certifications and much more!