

EMPS Emergency Certificate Training

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Description

In the fall of 2010 CT legislation was passed to allow most licensed EMPS staff to issue Emergency Certificates when a youth is in extreme psychiatric crisis. The legislation mandated specific training for EMPS staff. This full-day training is provided for all EMPS clinicians including Bachelors and Masters level clinicians and program managers. The training provides: a) an analysis of each component of the requirements of the statute; b) multiple opportunities to think through how to apply the statute to a variety of highly acute crisis situations, c) a review of the certificate itself and practice completing it; d) a review of MSE's exams; and e) a walking through of how to handle difficult situations that might occur in the process of issuing an Emergency Certificate.

Learning Objectives

1. Participants will obtain a detailed understanding of the language, intent, requirements, structure and application of the Emergency Certificate.
2. Participants will gain an understanding of the complex clinical and ethical dilemmas associated with the issuance of an Emergency Certificate and will have an opportunity to practice how they handle multiple scenarios.
3. Participants will review mental status exams and how they should be incorporated in the process of issuing an Emergency Certificate.
4. Training Outline
 - Detailed review of the statute.
 - Comparison between the EMPS Emergency Certificate and other Emergency Certificates legally allowed in Connecticut.
 - Review of multiple aspects of Mental Status exams
 - Participatory exercises involving multiple clinically complex scenarios;
 - Review of the Emergency Certificate, discussion of documentation requirements, practice completing a certificate.
 - Introduction to the process of issuing the certificate.
 - Discussion of ethical dilemmas associated with issuing the certificate and how participants would handle such dilemmas should they arise.