



QMHA-R	QMHA-I	QMHA-II
<p><b>Registered Mental Health Associate working towards certification</b></p>	<p><b>Basic Mental Health Associate Certification</b></p>	<p><b>Advanced Mental Health Associate Certification</b></p>
<p><b>Registration</b> Personal information &amp; demographics</p> <p><b>Supervisory Competency Assessment</b> <i>Easy to use online OAR-compliant assessment form completed by a qualified supervisor:</i> Oregon Administrative Rule requires a qualified supervisor (not necessarily a direct supervisor) to document that the QMHA candidate demonstrates the ability to communicate effectively; understands mental health assessment, treatment, and service terminology; application of these concepts; ability to implement skills development strategies, and able to identify, and coordinate the services and supports identified in a service plan, functioning within their scope of practice defined in OAR [309-019-0125(9)]. This assessment is typically made through information gathered and inferred from the employment interview, prior occupational experience, and education.</p> <p><b>Primary Source Education &amp; Experience</b> Primary source verification of a bachelor's degree in behavioral health; or an equivalent degree with applicable coursework meeting the required competencies. Applicants who do not possess a bachelor's degree must present a combination of at least three years of relevant education and experience [309-019-0125(9)(a)(b)].</p> <p><b>Code of Conduct</b> Signed commitment to Oregon's Behavioral Health Code of Conduct.</p> <p><b>Registration valid for two years</b> QMHA Registrants will have up to two years to complete full certification.</p>	<p><b>Updated Registration</b> Personal information &amp; demographics</p> <p><b>Advanced Competency Assessment</b> 1,000 supervised hours in the QMHA Competencies (CES® Role Delineation, SAMHSA-HRSA Core Competencies, Centers for Medicaid &amp; Medicare DSW Core Competencies):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Communication skills</li> <li>☑ Engagement skills</li> <li>☑ Data gathering</li> <li>☑ Practicing consumer inclusion</li> <li>☑ Monitoring, observing, &amp; reporting</li> <li>☑ Teaching basic/community living skills</li> <li>☑ Resource referral</li> <li>☑ Implementing interventions</li> <li>☑ Enhancing consumer participation</li> <li>☑ Assisting with activities of daily living</li> <li>☑ Facilitating family involvement</li> <li>☑ Professional &amp; ethical conduct</li> <li>☑ Regulatory compliance</li> <li>☑ Safety monitoring and assessments</li> <li>☑ Documentation</li> <li>☑ Cultural/equity practices</li> </ul> <p><b>QMHA Level I Professional Psychometric Competency Exam, CES®</b> Professional psychometric exam covering the QMHA competencies. 100 multiple choice questions.</p>	<p><b>Optional Advanced Certification</b> for individuals who wish to pursue it.</p> <p><b>Pre-requisite QMHA-I Certification</b> Individuals must be certified as QMHA-I in order to apply for QMHA II certification.</p> <p><b>Advanced Supervised Experience</b> Minimum of 4,000 supervised experience hours in the QMHA Competencies.</p> <p><b>QMHA Level II Professional Psychometric Competency Exam, CES®</b> Advanced examination which includes advanced practice, case management, care coordination, and jurisprudence regulatory compliance and ethics.</p> <p><b>Comprehensive Examination Services, ©CES</b> <i>National exams are produced by Comprehensive Examination Services, contracted with the SAMHSA GAINS Center, Mental Health America, Oregon, Florida, Illinois, New York, Canada and California.</i></p>
<h2>Recertification every two years</h2>		
<p><b>Updated Registration</b> Personal information &amp; demographics</p> <p><b>Continuing Education</b> 40 Hours of accredited/approved behavioral health continuing education or education provided within Oregon state approved mental health agencies</p>		

# QMHA Accepted Degrees

## Examples of accepted degrees

Addiction Counseling/Services	Gerontology
Applied Behavioral Science	Health and Human Services
Pre-Art Therapy, Art Therapy	Health Psychology
Behavioral Analysis	Human Development
Behavioral Biology	Human Services
Behavioral Psychology	Mental Health
Behavioral Sciences	Neuroscience (Cognitive/Behavioral)
Child Development	Nursing
Child and Family Studies/Services	Occupational Therapy
Cognitive Sciences	Organizational Psychology
Community Behavioral Health	Play Therapy
Community Mental Health	Psychiatric Rehabilitation
Counseling (MH, Vocational, Pastoral, etc.)	Psychology
Counselor Education	Public Health/Community Health
Early Childhood Development	Rehabilitation
Education (with a focus in psychology, school counseling, and/or special education)	Social Psychology
Educational Psychology	Social Work-BSW
Exercise Science	Sociology degrees with an emphasis in Psychology
Family Development/Relations	Speech Therapy
Forensic Psychology	Therapeutic Recreation
	Vocational Rehabilitation

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[www.MHACBO.org](http://www.MHACBO.org)

To apply in Certemy, go to "QMHA Certifications" at MHACBO.org and click on the appropriate link:

Select path:



QMHA with no Bachelor's Degree



QMHA with Bachelor's Degree

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