**QMHA-R**
Registered Mental Health Associate working towards certification

**QMHA-I**
Basic Mental Health Associate Certification

**QMHA-II**
Advanced Mental Health Associate Certification

### Registration
Personal information & demographics

### Supervisory Competency Assessment
Easy to use online OAR-compliant assessment form completed by a qualified supervisor: 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.

### Primary Source Education & Experience
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)).

### Code of Conduct
Signed commitment to Oregon’s Behavioral Health Code of Conduct.

### Registration valid for two years
QMHA Registrants will have up to two years to complete full certification.

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### Advanced Competency Assessment
1,000 supervised hours in the QMHA Competencies (CES© Role Delineation, SAMHSA-HRSA Core Competencies, Centers for Medicaid & Medicare DS& Core Competencies):
- Communication skills
- Engagement skills
- Data gathering
- Practicing consumer inclusion
- Monitoring, observing, & reporting
- Teaching basic/community living skills
- Resource referral
- Implementing interventions
- Enhancing consumer participation
- Assisting with activities of daily living
- Facilitating family involvement
- Professional & ethical conduct
- Regulatory compliance
- Safety monitoring and assessments
- Documentation
- Cultural/equity practices

### QMHA Level I Professional Psychometric Competency Exam, CES©
Professional psychometric exam covering the QMHA competencies. 100 multiple choice questions.

### Optional Advanced Certification
for individuals who wish to pursue it.

### Pre-requisite QMHA-I Certification
Individuals must be certified as QMHA-I in order to apply for QMHA II certification.

### Advanced Supervised Experience
Minimum of 4,000 supervised experience hours in the QMHA Competencies.

### QMHA Level II Professional Psychometric Competency Exam, CES©
Advanced examination which includes advanced practice, case management, care coordination, and jurisprudence regulatory compliance and ethics.

### Recertification every two years

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### Continuing Education
40 Hours of accredited/approved behavioral health continuing education or education provided within Oregon state approved mental health agencies
QMHA Accepted Degrees

Examples of accepted degrees

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

To apply: 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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