



E-UPDATE

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MENTAL HEALTH LICENSING SECTION

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WELCOME to e-UPDATES

My name is Carlotta Knox, Program Director for the Mental Health Boards and Programs.

Our goal is to keep you abreast of events and information that affects your profession within Colorado. We look forward to communicating with you via these E-Updates over the years to come.



To date DORA has approximately 17,042 mental health professionals, which includes:

<u>Profession</u>	<u># of Licensee/Registrants</u>
Social Workers	4,266
Licensed Professional Counselors	4,201
Addiction Counselors	2,998
Unlicensed Psychotherapists	2,507
Marriage and Family Therapists	631
Psychologists	2,439

Post Degree Data Base Requirements

The Mental Health Boards receive questions concerning the requirement for non-licensed individuals performing psychotherapy to be listed in the State Grievance Board Database. This includes non-licensed individuals who are performing psychotherapy for the required experience and supervision hours as they are working towards licensure or certification. The Mental Health Boards are reaching out to the mental health professionals to educate and provide additional guidance on the database listing requirements.

To that end, this e-Update is to inform all current and aspiring mental health professionals who practice psychotherapy as defined in C.R.S. § 12-43-201(9) that pursuant to C.R.S. § 12-43-702.5, no unlicensed/uncertified person may practice psychotherapy if such person is not listed in the State Grievance Board database as an unlicensed psychotherapist.

Pursuant to the Mental Health Board's direction, effective **September 1, 2009**, an applicant **will not** receive credit toward licensure or certification for the post-degree experience or supervision hours accumulated after September 1, 2009, unless an applicant is:

- 1) A psychologist candidate,
- 2) Licensed or certified in another profession authorized to practice psychotherapy,
- 3) Listed in the State Grievance Board Database, or
- 4) Exempt from the provisions outlined in C.R.S. § 12-43-215.

Website Information

In addition to receiving e-Updates, the DORA website is an excellent resource for information regarding regulations of several different licensed, registered, certified or data base listing professions. Please visit www.dora.state.co.us to learn more about DORA and its services.

The Division of Registrations licenses and/or registers 47 professions, including the mental health professions. Please visit the Division of Registrations' website at www.dora.state.co.us/registrations to learn more about the Division of Registrations.

Friendly Reminders

License/registration renewal for all mental health professionals is **August 31, 2009**. Beginning in early July, mental health professionals can renew online at <http://www.dora.state.co.us/Registrations/>. Prevent potential disciplinary action that can occur when professionals continue to practice while their license, certification or data base listing are lapsed.

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Please keep your address that is on file with the Division of Registrations current. Updating your current address is important to ensure that you receive information from the Division that is mailed to you. You can update your address online by using Registrations Online Services at www.doradls.state.co.us. Questions, call (303) 894-7800

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