



Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: May 21, 2019

Subject: **Veterans Considering MA Licensure as an Alcohol & Drug Counselor**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce investment partners of MA Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) possible training hours available for Veterans with specific military training and possible license fee waiver for all Veterans.

Background: Through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services' (BSAS) Alcohol and Drug Counselor Licensing Unit provides licenses to alcohol and drug counselors (LADCs), also referred to as substance abuse counselors or addiction counselors. The Unit receives and processes all counselor licensing applications and renewals and works closely with applicants throughout the licensing process. Unit staff is also available to provide technical assistance, verify license status and investigate complaints against licensed counselors.

Veterans with specific military training may be eligible to apply some of their training hours toward becoming a Massachusetts Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Veterans with the following training and background are encouraged to apply:

- Behavioral Health Technician (68 X-ray)
- Hospital Corpsman Psychiatry Technician
- Mental Health Service Specialist
- Graduates of the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) Behavioral Health Technician Program at Fort Sam Houston.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services is committed to helping Veterans and eases the licensing/fee burden to the extent allowed by the Valor Act and will consider waiving fees for qualified individuals.

Action

Requested: Please share this issuance with appropriate MassHire Career Center staff and Veteran customers as appropriate.

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: Please direct all questions to Ian Bain, Program Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services at 781-774-6627 or ian.bain@massmail.state.ma.us.

Attachments: A. DPH/BSAS Announcement – Military Background and Training Flyer
B. DPH/BSAS Announcement – Seeking Veterans for Careers as MA LADCs