Boost 200: Making Mental Health Happen!

Need Some Help to Become a Licensed Behavioral Health Professional?

Virginia is in the midst of a mental health crisis. Demand for counseling services exceeds the capacity of the state’s licensed therapists.

Boost 200 is a special initiative to accelerate licensure of 200 motivated Masters-prepared Social Workers, Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists by paying for their required supervision. In return, Boost 200 participants must commit to practice in Virginia for two years upon licensure.

Who is Eligible?

- Energetic Masters-prepared Social Workers, Counselors or Marriage and Family Therapists; Residents in Counseling or Marriage and Family Therapy licensed by the Virginia Department of Health Professions (DHP); and current Supervisees in Social Work approved by the DHP. Applicants must be paying for all or most of their Supervision hours.

- Preference will be given to applicants practicing in a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area, or people of color or those who are bilingual.

- Candidates can have completed no more than 60% of clinical and Supervision hours.

How Does Boost 200 Work?

- VHCF will pay approved Supervisors directly for completed Supervision hours provided to a Boost 200 participant.

- Participants commit to:
  - Completing clinical and Supervision hours required for Virginia licensure in a timely manner, without delay;
  - Sitting for the National exam required by the DHP for licensure within 4 months of completing clinical and Supervision hours;
  - Working as an LPC, LCSW or LMFT for 2-years in Virginia in any practice setting (4,000 hours total) upon completing Boost 200 and becoming licensed.

- Candidates must have applied to the DHP to begin licensure-related Supervision before submitting a Boost 200 application. A list of Supervisors interested in participating in Boost 200 is available for those who need help identifying a Supervisor.

When and How Do I Apply?

- Boost 200 online applications are accepted, and decisions announced, on a rolling basis until all funds are obligated.

Questions? Click here to submit or visit www.vhcf.org/Boost200

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