

The Co-Occurring Workforce Development Workgroup

Goal: Increase the competencies of the CT behavioral health workforce relative to co-occurring disorders and integrated treatment.

Past and Ongoing Activities:

Developing and implementing a **co-occurring disorders core curriculum** that is applicable to all behavioral health providers and has measurable outcomes to assess its effectiveness over time. Information about the Co-Occurring Academy offered through DMHAS' Education and Training Division can be found on the Division website.

Collaborating with **higher education** to develop and implement courses in college curriculum that prepares a new pool of behavioral health professionals competent to provide integrated treatment.

Southern Connecticut State University: development of a Master of Social Work Program with a specialization in co-occurring disorders.

DARC Programs at Gateway and Manchester Community technical Colleges have developed and offer a three credit course that focuses on co-occurring disorders.

Connecticut has a co-occurring disorders certification through the **CCB (Connecticut Certification Board)** <http://www.ctcertboard.org/>