

## **Board of Counseling**

### **Approved Degrees in Human Services and Related Fields for QMHP Registration**

Regulations for the Virginia Board of Counseling provide in 18VAC115-80-40 that a person may qualify as a QMHP-A with a “master’s or bachelor’s degree in human services or a related field from an accredited college.” Section 18VAC115-80-50 provides that “a person may qualify as a QMHP-C with a “master’s or bachelor’s degree in human services or in special education from an accredited college.”

The Board recognizes the following degrees as “human services or related fields:”

Art Therapy  
Behavioral Sciences  
Child Development  
Child and Family Studies/Services  
Cognitive Sciences  
Community Mental Health  
Counseling (Mental health, Vocational, Pastoral, etc.)  
Counselor Education  
Early Childhood Development  
Education (with a focus in psychology and/or special education)  
Educational Psychology  
Family Development/Relations  
Gerontology  
Health and Human Services  
Human Development  
Human Services  
Marriage and Family Therapy  
Music Therapy  
Nursing  
Psychiatric Rehabilitation  
Psychology  
Rehabilitation Counseling  
School Counseling  
Social Work  
Special Education  
Therapeutic Recreation  
Vocational Rehabilitation

The Board may consider other degrees in human services or in fields related to the provision of mental health services.

