



## Training Announcements

Civil Commitment  
Investigator Certification Training online  
August 28, 29 & 30, 2024

Examiner initial and recertification online  
August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

In person training Bend, OR September 23 and 24, 2024

**Sponsored by:**  
**Oregon Health Authority**  
**Health Systems Division (HSD)**

**Location:**  
**On-line training**  
**Time: Each training will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 via Zoom PST**

**Email Terry Schroeder, [TERRY.SCHROEDER@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:TERRY.SCHROEDER@oha.oregon.gov) to register.**  
**Be sure to provide the following information: Name, Credentials, Agency, Position/Title**  
**and which training you are registering for.**  
**You will receive a confirmation via email.**

**[Registration deadline: one week prior to each class or until full](#)**

**No cost for the training for online training**

**There will be a fee for this in person training in Bend.**

**The first day of training, September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be from 8:00 am till 5:00 pm**

**The second day of training, September 24<sup>th</sup> will be from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm**

**Location of the training will be the Riverbend Conference Center, Bend OR.**

**Contact information for registration for this training is:**

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# **Civil Commitment Training. Involuntary Commitment Proceedings**

## **Training Description**

The Certification of Investigators Training is intended for those who are seeking their initial certification as an Investigator or wanting a refresher course and renewal of their certification.

Please indicate by return e-mail your credentials, agency that you work for and position for that agency. I will send a confirmation e-mail and link to the training which will be a zoom format.

This an on-line training that provides an overview of the civil commitment process in Oregon for allegedly mentally ill persons. The goal of this course is to cover the continuum of care for persons who are involuntarily detained and treated for an acute mental illness, and the legal procedures that are followed in this process. This course meets the prerequisite for initial and recertification as a Mental Health Investigator as set forth in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 309-033-0920 and OAR 309-033-0950.

The participant will receive resources and information on evaluation of the mentally ill person, civil commitment in Oregon, the relevant Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) and complete the training requirements as listed below.

The role and duties of an investigator and examiner and the due process rights of investigation and examination.

- Oregon statutes and administrative rules relating to the civil commitment of allegedly mentally ill persons.
- Appellate Court Rulings that clarify the elements of evidence required to meet the clear and convincing criteria for civil commitment.
- The assessment and evidence requirements of suicidality, assaultiveness, homicidality and inability to care for basic needs for civil commitment purposes.
- Assisted Out-Patient Treatment
- Application of the civil commitment OAR and ORS and Appellate Court Case law to determination of when to recommend a person move forward toward civil commitment.
- Preparation for writing an Investigators Report
- The process of and stages of implementing a civil commitment investigation
  - Including video interviewing
  - Decisions around less restrictive alternatives

- Collaboration with other professionals
- Problem solving around complex cases.
- Investigative Report strategies
- Providing testimony in court

## Certification and renewal for Examiners Training Description

This 8-hour training will be offered to those seeking initial and renewal of their certification as an Examiner. Topics covered will be:

- The requirements for certification as an Examiner
- The role of and requirements the Examiner in a civil commitment court hearing
- The process of evaluation prior to the hearing
- The Appellate Court and its role in establishing/clarifying criteria for Clear and Convincing Evidence
- The report and verbal summation in a civil commitment hearing
- The process of an examination and hearing for persons being assessed for Extremely Dangerous criteria.
  - Providing testimony in court
- Appellate Court role in understanding the criteria for civil commitment.
  - How to establish clear and convincing evidence and the role of the investigator in a court room
- Jurisdiction and transfer of individuals from one setting to another prior to commitment
- Expanded Criteria
- Outpatient commitment
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment
- Trial Visit Monitoring
- Role of the Examiner
- Frequently asked questions regarding civil commitment