

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Standards of Practice Listening Session #5

September 21, 2023
2:00 – 4:30 p.m. EDT

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Practical/ Vocational Nurse, Rehabilitation Counselor, Mental Health Counselor,
Marriage and Family Therapist, Addiction Therapist*



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- Speaking time will be allocated based on the number of people who requested to comment.
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VA's NATIONAL STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

LISTENING SESSION #5

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VA National Standards of Practice Listening Session Overview

- VA is hosting a series of listening sessions to offer the public, professional associations, and clinical community the opportunity to share their research, input, and comments on variance between State licenses for health care occupations, and their recommendations on what should be included in VA's national standard of practice.
- VA will not directly respond to feedback during these listening sessions.
- All proposed national standards of practice will be posted on the Federal Register for a 60-day public comment period prior to them being finalized.

Session 1: August 24, 2023

Audiologist, Speech-Language Pathologist, Chiropractor, Occupational Therapist, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant

Session 2: August 31, 2023

Optometrist, Respiratory Therapist, Podiatrist, Perfusionist, Genetic Counselor, Therapeutic Radiologic Technologist, Acupuncturist, Massage Therapist

Session 3: September 7, 2023

Dentist, Pharmacist, Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner, Pharmacy Technician, Dental Hygienist, Dental Assistant, Medical Technologist, Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist, Radiologist Assistant, Nuclear Medicine Technologist, Social Worker

Session 4: September 14, 2023

Physician Assistant, Physician, Emergency Medical Technician / Paramedic

Session 5: September 21, 2023

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Occupation Currently Open for Discussion

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5. Practical / Vocational Nurse
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7. Mental Health Counselor
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9. Addiction Therapist

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The Listening Session Has Ended

The Listening Session has concluded but will remain open until 4:30 p.m. EDT.

Any individual joining late can raise their hand on the webinar platform or use the Q&A located in the bottom right corner of the screen to indicate their intention to present.

All suggestions made through these listening sessions will be used to improve and inform the content included in VA's proposed national standards of practice.

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For more information on VA's national standards of practice, visit the VA National Standards of Practice website and sign up for our newsletter at:

<https://www.va.gov/standardsofpractice/>

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