

## HB-1387 Licensed Certified Social Worker- Clinical Involuntary Admission-Comparison of Professions

This is a general comparison of the health care professionals by education and training who are authorized to independently evaluate, diagnose, and treat persons with mental and or emotional disorders, behavioral disorders, conditions and impairments. All have authority to issue an Emergency Petition. The Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical has the authority under the Estates and Trust Art. Sec. 13-103, and Sec. 1-102(a) and (b) to evaluate and sign with a physician a Petition for Guardianship of a Disabled Person (Md. Rule 10-112).

This comparison is not intended to be exhaustive nor is it intended to meet an academic or legal peer review standard. It is a general description for review as it may affect the process of involuntary admission of an individual.

Physician	Psych. Nurse Practitioner	Psychologist	Lic. Certified Social Worker-Clinical
Education: Medical School	Education: Masters In Nursing with Spec. in Psych. May be online with approved field placement(s).	Education: 30-36 credit Masters and then Ph.D training or BA. or BS. then Ph.D.	Education: 60 Credit Masters. In classroom and approved field placement(s).
Residency (physician in residency can perform function of involuntary admission.	Practicum as part of education –May be supervised by LCSW-C, as part of training.	Practicum as part of education	Practicum field placements as part of education
Post Degree-Residency in Specialization	Post Degree-None other than included in practicum.	Post Degree-None other than included in practicum	Post Degree-3000 hrs. in no less than 2 years, supervised BSWE approved clinical experience
Focus: Somatic medical treatment with mental illness  Auth. Ultimate decisions as to competency and insanity: yes	Focus: Somatic medical care in conjunction with physician, verbal therapies.  Auth. Ultimate decisions as to competency and insanity: unk	Focus: Psychological evaluation, Dx., treatment with emphasis on, theory, teaching, research and verbal therapies, and testing. Auth. Ultimate decisions as to competency and insanity: yes	Focus: Evaluation, Dx., Treatment verbal therapies with emphasis on function of person within the context of their environment. Auth. Ultimate decisions as to competency and insanity: yes

