

Law and Ethics: Involuntary Treatment and the 5150 Process

Student User Guide for June 2025

Disclaimer: the information in the training does not supersede your local county policies. CalMHSA is not authorized to provide “5150” writing authority. By successfully completing the training, you will receive a certificate of completion. Please refer to your county training program about this training prior to the start of training. Under law, county behavioral health directors have authority on “5150 writing authority” permissions.

Welcome to the 5150 Training!

We are honored by your dedication to serving California's communities. Your resilience during challenging times, including the pandemic and local natural disasters, speaks volumes about your commitment to advocacy and behavioral health. Thank you for all that you do.

The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) provides behavioral health training and support on behalf of member counties by pooling resources, forging cross-county partnerships, and leveraging technology to create regional and statewide solutions. Our mission is to enhance equity and improve access to behavioral health services, especially for the most vulnerable populations.

In 2021, CalMHSA piloted the 5150 training with great success! Forty-eight county mental health plans participated in the training opportunity. Building on that momentum, the current 5150 training series, *Law and Ethics: Involuntary Treatment and the 5150 Process*, aims to continue to provide opportunities for cross-sector collaboration to best meet the needs of our communities. We hope counties will take advantage of this resource and support county reciprocity.

The California Mental Health Services Authority is honored to present the *Law and Ethics: Involuntary Treatment and the 5150 Process* training. The project was a collaboration between CalMHSA and Sutter Health, and reflects a commitment to providing standardized, centralized training statewide.

We extend special thanks to Linda Garrett, Esq. for her continued dedication, expertise, and advocacy. Her contributions to this project have been invaluable- and yes, we've enjoyed her delightful kitten photos, too!

About the training.

A three-hour live training session is hosted by Garrett Law LLP once per month. After each session, CalMHSA uploads the most recent recording to the [CalMHSA learning management system](#), where it remains available for approximately 28 days. The training link with the most recent recording of the live-virtual presentation is updated monthly, and participants are provided with new enrollment codes to register.

This course qualifies for 3 hours of continuing education credit for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and LEPs, in accordance with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. CalMHSA is approved by the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists to sponsor continuing education for these professional titles.

All training participants register directly through the [CalMHSA learning management website](#) as students. If you are an administrator overseeing the training participants, you will also have access to view reports and monitor participation by staff in your agency. Instructions for using the administrator tools are provided separately.

Sincerely,

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Access and Log In

The training can be accessed on [CalMHSA learning management website](https://moodle.calmhsalearns.org/course/view.php?id=65) using the following URL: <https://moodle.calmhsalearns.org/course/view.php?id=65> . If you are viewing this document online, you may copy and paste the link to open the website in your browser.

What you will need.

- A computer or tablet with internet access
- An enrollment code that the training coordinator at your agency provided (updated monthly)
- A valid email address
- About 3 hours to complete the training within 28days of course start date.

Step 1: Create an account on CalMHSA Learning Management system.

Go to [CalMHSA learning management website](https://moodle.calmhsalearns.org/course/view.php?id=65)

1. Click "Create New Account."

Your certificate of completion will be issued using the following details you provide while creating the account:

- Full Name (as you want it to appear on your certificate)
- Email Address (used for confirmation and login)
- County of Employment
- Role at Employment Agency
- Employment Agency Type
- Organization Name
- Professional License Number (if applicable)

How to select the Correct County of Employment

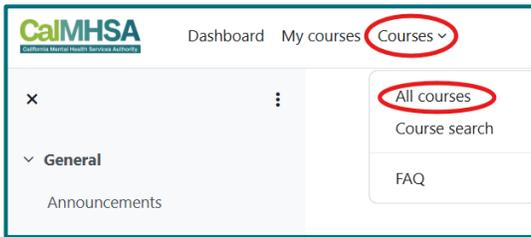
- Choose the county of employment based on the Behavioral Health training admin who provided you with the enrollment code for this training.
- If you work for the Sutter Health hospital system, please select "Other/State Employee" as your County of Employment irrespective of whether you received an enrollment code from a county behavioral health admin.
- This ensures your training completion is correctly reported to the appropriate county and/or hospital system.

2. **Check your email to confirm your account.** Your account is going to be associated with the email address that you use to register.

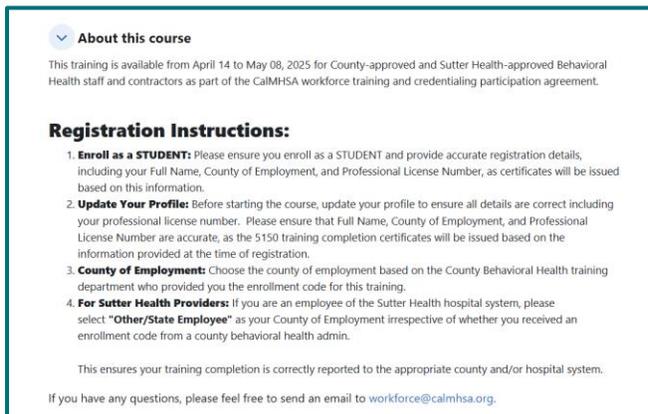


3. Do you **already have an account?** You can log in via SAML2.

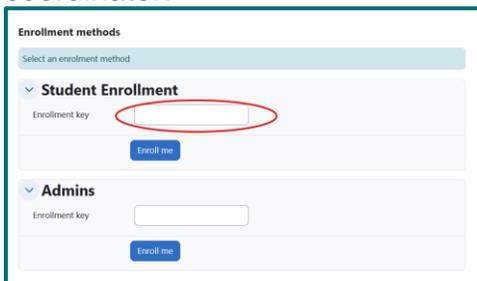
Step 2: Enroll in the Course



1. After logging in, click on the top menu near the CalMHSA logo > "Courses" and select "All Courses."
2. Select "Law and Ethics: Involuntary Treatment and the 5150 Process (June 2025)"
3. Please read the **instructions** on enrolling for the course:

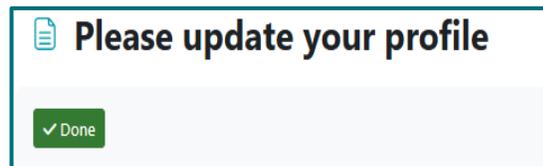


4. Choose to enroll as a "Student"
5. Enter the **current month's enrollment code** provided in the email from your training coordinator.



Step 3: Complete the Training Course

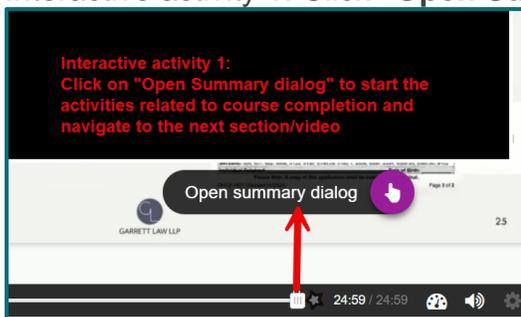
Task 1: Update your profile: This is a mandatory step to ensure your profile information is accurate for billing and certification purposes. Completion certificates will be generated using the details provided in your profile. Click **“Mark as Done”** to indicate you have updated your profile.



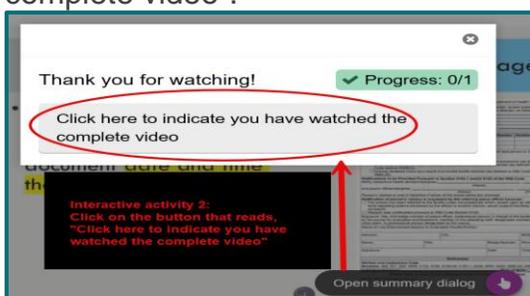
Task 2: Click on the video links to complete the training course.

1. There are **5 video segments**.
2. It is important that you **watch each part in its entirety** before proceeding with the next video. If you stop a video at any point, it will automatically restart from the beginning.
3. **Course Navigation:** After watching each video:

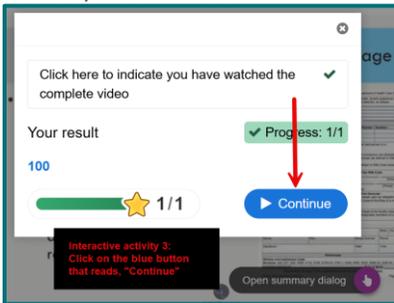
a. Interactive activity 1: Click **"Open Summary Dialog"**



b. Interactive activity 2: A dialogue box opens up thanking you for watching the video. Please click on the grey button that reads, **“Click here to indicate you have watched the complete video”**.



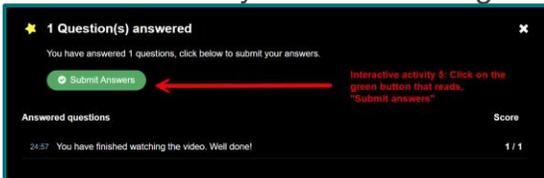
- c. Interactive activity 3: A new dialogue box opens up. Please click on the blue button that reads, "Continue"



- d. Interactive activity 4: Click the **star icon**, found on the bottom corner of the video scroll bar, to confirm that you have watched the video in its entirety.



- e. Interactive activity 5: Click on the green button that reads, "**Submit Answers**"



- f. The next video link/task will now be accessible.

Tip: If stuck, use the navigation bar on the left or return to the main course page to access the next video manually.

Task 3: Review the Poll questions

Please Click "**Mark as Done**" to indicate you have reviewed the poll questions and their answers highlighted in yellow.

Task 4: Complete course evaluation.

Please take a few minutes to provide feedback regarding your overall experience with the course. Participant feedback is valuable as it is used to shape future courses.

Task 5: Certificate of completion

Click on the confirmation of completion to indicate course completion and view the Certificate of completion.

Please ensure all the 5 tasks have been completed to indicate that you have completed the 5150-training course (see below pic).

 Please update your profile **Task 1: Update your profile** Mark as done

Completion certificates will be generated using the details provided in your profile

 Video Link for April 2025 Part 1 **Task 2: Watch the training videos Part 1-5**

 Not available unless: The activity **Please update your profile** is marked complete

 Video Link for April 2025 Part 2

 Not available unless: The activity **Video Link for April 2025 Part 1** is marked complete

 Video Link for April 2025 Part 3

 Not available unless: The activity **Video Link for April 2025 Part 2** is marked complete

 Video Link for April 2025 Part 4

 Not available unless: The activity **Video Link for April 2025 Part 3** is marked complete

 Video Link for April 2025 Part 5

 Not available unless: The activity **Video Link for April 2025 Part 4** is marked complete

 Review Poll questions **Task 3: Review the Poll questions** Mark as done

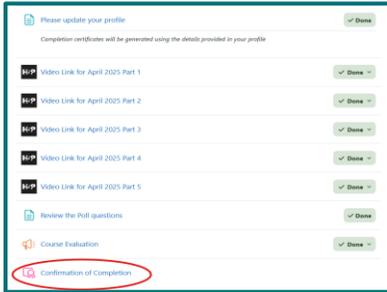
 Course Evaluation **Task 4: Complete the course evaluation**

 Not available unless: The activity **Review Poll questions** is marked complete

 Confirmation of Completion **Task 5: Confirm Training completion**

 Not available unless: The activity **Course Evaluation** is marked complete

Step 4: Certificate of completion



The certificate of completion can be accessed in 3 ways:

1. Email address: The certificate of completion will be emailed to you in a pdf format as soon as you finish Task 5 above.
2. Course page: If you click on “Confirmation of Completion” link on the course page
3. Profile: You will be able to access the certificate of completion under “My certificates” when you click on your profile icon on the top corner of the course page.

Step 5: Verify information on your certificate



Please ensure that the information on your certificate is accurate. In case of corrections, please email workforce@calmhsa.org. A new certificate will be manually generated within 30 days.

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Need Help?

1. Technical/Login Issues or grievances: Please email at workforce@calmhsa.org
2. Enrollment Code Issues: Contact your agency training coordinator
3. Troubleshooting Tips:
 - Video not playing: Please try using Google Chrome and clear browser cache.
 - Cannot proceed to the next video: Make sure you click both the star icon and Submit button.
 - Lost certificate: Re-download it from the Certificates tab on your course page