

Virginia Placements

Section 8 of Georgia Licensure, Board Rules and ACA Ethics · For practicum and internship students seeing clients located in Virginia

Read this with sections 1–7, not instead of them. Everything in the main reference still applies. This insert covers only what changes when the client is physically in Virginia at the time of the session. It is a summary, not the law — verify against the current text before relying on it.

8.1 Who may see clients located in Virginia

Role	Virginia clients?	Basis
Practicum or internship student	Yes, with conditions	Va. Code § 54.1-3501(2) exempts the services of a counseling student when they are part of the course of study and adequately supervised — either through an accredited institution recognized by the Board or under the supervision of a person licensed under Virginia’s counseling chapter.
Supervisor of record	Dr. Wodzinski only	She holds Virginia LPC 0701013584. No other Orchard supervisor is currently licensed in Virginia, so no other Orchard supervisor may be designated on a Virginia case.
Post-graduate associate (Georgia APC)	No	The student exemption ends at graduation. Virginia requires post-graduate supervised practice to be registered with the Virginia Board as a residency. The Counseling Compact privilege to practice applies to fully licensed counselors, not associates.

Continuity of care is a separate, narrow door. Va. Code § 54.1-3501(7) allows a clinician licensed and in good standing in another state to continue telehealth with an established client who is now located in Virginia, for no more than one year. Whether it fits any given case is your supervisor’s determination, not yours.

8.2 Before your first Virginia session

- **University approval in writing** for clients located in Virginia. Some programs limit placements by state; the placement agreement alone does not settle it.
- **Dr. Wodzinski designated** as your Orchard clinical supervisor on the supervision agreement, or by addendum.
- **Insurance confirmed.** Your professional liability policy must cover services to clients located in Virginia. Many student policies are written by state — ask your carrier and send Orchard the confirmation.
- **TeleMental Health training complete** under Orchard policy and Georgia Rule 135-11-.01, as for every placement.
- **Virginia crisis contacts documented** for the client’s city or county, including the local Community Services Board (see 8.4), before the first session.
- **Consent and disclosure complete:** your student status, your supervisor’s name and Virginia license, supervisor access to the record, and the limits of confidentiality under Virginia law.

Standards of practice. The Virginia Board’s standards of practice (18VAC115-20-130) apply regardless of delivery method. Board Guidance Document 115-1.4 addresses technology-assisted counseling and supervision and directs practitioners to meet the requirements of the state where the client is located at the time of service.

8.3 Mandated reporting and duty to protect

Situation	Authority	What you do
Suspected child abuse or neglect	Va. Code § 63.2-1509	Report immediately to the local department of social services or the Virginia Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline. Virginia DSS lists (804) 786-8536 for calls from within Virginia and (800) 552-7096 for calls from out of state; both reach the 24/7 hotline. Bring it to your supervisor the same day — consultation does not delay the report.
Suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult 60+ or an incapacitated adult	Va. Code § 63.2-1606	Report to Adult Protective Services through the local department of social services (dss.virginia.gov/localagency) or the APS hotline, 1-888-832-3858. Same-day supervisor contact.

Situation	Authority	What you do
Threat of violence to an identifiable person	Va. Code § 54.1-2400.1	A statutory duty to protect — see below. Contact your supervisor during the session.

The Virginia duty to protect

The duty attaches only when a client communicates, during professional services, a specific and immediate threat to cause serious bodily injury or death to an identified or readily identifiable person, and the provider reasonably believes the client has the intent and ability to carry it out immediately or imminently. Where the potential victim is a child, it also extends to threatened physical or sexual abuse of that child.

The statute lists how the duty is discharged, including:

- Seeking involuntary admission of the client
- Making reasonable attempts to warn the potential victim — or the parent or guardian if the victim is under 18
- Making reasonable efforts to notify law enforcement with jurisdiction
- Taking steps reasonably available to prevent violence until law enforcement takes custody

Which action is taken is never your decision. The same rule as Georgia: self-harm, suicidality, homicidality, and mandated reports are not your independent determination. Keep the client engaged and get your supervisor on the line.

8.4 Crisis response for clients in Virginia

Resource	Use
911	Emergency services in the client's city or county. Why you confirm the physical address at the start of every session.
988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	Available by call, text, or chat throughout Virginia.
Local Community Services Board (CSB)	Virginia's public mental health system is organized by locality. Each CSB provides 24-hour emergency services, including the pre-admission screening used for emergency custody and temporary detention. Identify the client's CSB and its emergency number before the first session.

Resource	Use
2-1-1 Virginia	Free, confidential 24/7 resource connection — call 2-1-1 or text CONNECT to 247211. For referrals and support, not emergencies.
Georgia Crisis & Access Line	Does not serve clients located in Virginia. Do not use it for a Virginia client.

8.5 Georgia and Virginia side by side

Item	Client in Georgia	Client in Virginia
Who may see the client	Students and associates, within scope	Students only
Supervisor of record	Designated Orchard supervisor	Dr. Wodzinski only
Child abuse report	O.C.G.A. § 19-7-5	Va. Code § 63.2-1509
Adult abuse report	O.C.G.A. § 30-5-1 et seq.	Va. Code § 63.2-1606
Threat to others	Agency policy and Georgia law	Statutory duty, § 54.1-2400.1
Crisis line	GCAL 1-800-715-4225 · 988	988 · local CSB
Board standard	Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 135-7	18VAC115-20-130

8.6 Where to verify

- Virginia Board of Counseling — dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Counseling
- Code of Virginia — law.lis.virginia.gov (§§ 54.1-3501, 54.1-2400.1, 63.2-1509, 63.2-1606)
- Virginia Administrative Code — 18VAC115-20, Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling
- Virginia Department of Social Services — dss.virginia.gov (CPS and APS hotlines, 2-1-1, local department finder)
- Guidance Document 115-1.4, Technology-Assisted Counseling and Supervision — townhall.virginia.gov

Questions about how any of this applies to a client belong in supervision, not in a search engine.

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