

Disqualifying Criteria

Lancaster County Mental Health Court values the opinion of crime victims. Victims of crime will be consulted for their opinion of diverting offenders into the program at the discretion of the District Attorney's Office.

Lancaster County Mental Health Court will review the offenses pertaining to each referral made to the program. The following offenses are automatically excluded from the program:

- Homicide
- Sex Offenses

Mental Health Court will also consider an offender's prior record when determining eligibility. A record of excluded offenses will not result in immediate dismissal of the referral; however, may be considered as an exclusionary factor. Final eligibility shall be at the discretion of the Mental Health Court Team and the presiding Mental Health Court Judge.

In addition, the following exclusions may apply:

- The defendant cannot have any unresolved out-of-county or out-of-state criminal charges.
- Diagnoses of intellectual disability, Alzheimer's disease, dementia and organic brain injury