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## Widener Trains Mental Health Workers for Returning Troops

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Widener University is set to begin training mental health professionals to deal with troubled troops returning from overseas.

That Widener is hosting these continuing education sessions for mental health professionals with at least a Master's Degree, is part of a connection dating to when the school was Pennsylvania Military College.

Dr. Virginia Brabender, director of the Institute of Graduate Clinical Psychology, says the school was told by the Center for Deployment Psychology in Bethesda, Maryland that it foresees a need for this specialty, the teaching of which begins today.:

"This first workshop is going to have to do with military culture. That's extremely important to understand the nature of this culture, military terminology, processes, and it will give them contextual understanding."

Training runs six to 12 months with a new round expected next year.

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