

The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) has expanded its listing of approved ASAM Criteria education to include an on-demand course through **The American Society of Addiction Medicine**.

Important notes:

- This course now represents 1 (one) of 3 (three) DDAP-approved options for ASAM Criteria training. Any 1 (one) of these options is satisfactory.
- It is the responsibility of the individual and/or their employer to coordinate and absorb associated costs of these training options.
- For all *ASAM Criteria* training options, SCAs may financially support their area providers with this training expense at their discretion and based upon the availability of funds.
- SCAs that have questions about the use of DDAP funds for *The ASAM Criteria* trainings should contact their program officer in DDAP's County Program Oversight Section.
- Certificates are available for each of *the ASAM Criteria* training options. It is the responsibility of the individual and/or their employer to maintain those certificates for proof of course completion.
- All courses are recognized by The Pennsylvania Certification Board and the National Association of Social Workers, for continuing education credits.

Descriptions and access instructions for each course are found on pages 2 and 3 of this notice.

Thank you,

Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

The ASAM Criteria, 2013 - Approved Curriculum



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In both modules, information is reinforced through knowledge checks and a final exam that learners must pass to receive credit. Skills that reinforce the module's learning objectives are practiced and applied through interactive case studies and followed up with a review from the Chief Editor of *The ASAM Criteria, 2013* Dr. David Mee-Lee.

- **Module 1 - Multidimensional Assessment:** This module will help practitioners understand, assess and implement the six dimensions of *The ASAM Criteria, 2013*. Each section is devoted to a certain component of *The ASAM Criteria, 2013*, and information is reinforced through knowledge checks and a final exam that learners must pass to receive credit.
- **Module 2 - From Assessment to Service Planning and Level of Care:** This module helps practitioners understand how to work with a participant's assessment and service planning to identify the best level of care in which to provide his or her services.

To access and subscribe to ASAM Criteria Modules I and II, visit here: [The Change Companies® | eTraining](#)

For technical assistance or questions, please call (888) 889-8866 or email contact@changecompanies.net



E-Learning Modules 1 to 5 – American Society of Addiction Medicine

ASAM Criteria Online Foundations Course

This 8-hour interactive online course was created for behavioral health and medical providers, administrators, payers, and others on the care team. The flow of this course uses a mix of didactic materials, case studies, learning activities, and assessments to help you understand the underlying principles of the ASAM Criteria, how to conduct a multidimensional patient assessment, and how to determine an appropriate level of care. By utilizing real-world scenarios, the course will prepare you to implement the ASAM Criteria effectively within the context of system challenges.

- **Module 1:** An introduction to what the ASAM Criteria is, how it has evolved from a Patient Placement Criteria to the ASAM Criteria and using the ASAM Criteria textbook. Discusses common misconceptions and what the guiding principles and concepts are of the ASAM Criteria.

- **Module 2:** An introduction to the six dimensions of the ASAM Criteria's multidimensional assessment. Each dimension is discussed in detail and reviewed for important assessment considerations, such as the 3H's, severity and risk ratings, and immediate needs.
- **Module 3:** An introduction to treatment and service planning that arises from the multidimensional assessment. Priority dimensions are identified through shared decision-making with the patient and assessing their risk ratings and severity in each dimension to meet their clinical needs.
- **Module 4:** A discussion on level of care placement and the key treatment and organizational elements that distinguish each level. The appropriate level of care and treatment priorities will be determined by applying the ASAM Criteria in practice while examining priority dimensions, diagnoses, and intensity of treatment.
- **Module 5:** Learner will be asked to identify systems challenges and ways to implement with ASAM Criteria with fidelity.

To register for The ASAM Criteria Online Foundations Course, visit here: [E-Learning - ASAM](#). For technical assistance or questions regarding bulk ordering, contact Connor Bellis at cbellis@asam.org



2-day ASAM Criteria Skill Building course – visit [Train for Change](#)

This 2-day training is an in-depth look at the theoretical foundations of the Criteria, including clinically driven services, biopsychosocial assessment, the six dimensions, continued stay and transfer/discharge criteria. Incorporating the use of *The ASAM Criteria, 2013* participants have opportunities for skill practice at every stage of the treatment process: assessment, engagement, treatment planning, continuing care and transfer or discharge. As part of the training, all participants receive an in-depth Training Journal to guide the training experience and as a resource for continuing skill application.

To schedule a 2-day ASAM Criteria Skill Building, contact Train for Change Inc® at (775) 434-1562 or support@trainforchange.net