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Addiction Medicine

ASAM Criteria Course For Providers

- **Who Should Take the Course?** [This Course](#) was created for anyone on the care team directly involved with assessment and placement using the ASAM Criteria. They could have varying degrees of understanding of the Criteria from beginner to advanced.
- **Why Should They Take the Course?** Participants will walk out of the course with a holistic understanding of using the ASAM Criteria treatment planning, patient admission, continuing care, and transfer/discharge for individuals with substance use disorder.
- **What Formats are the Course Available in?** The 8-Hour training is available Live-Virtual and On-Demand. ASAM hosts a monthly Live-Virtual Criteria course the 3rd Friday of every month or ASAM can work with an organization to host their own training. Learners will have the opportunity to ask the presenter questions in real time, participate in polling questions and break into small groups on a variety of real-world case based activities. The On-Demand course is fully online and self-paced. The course content, learning activities, and assessments in the course should be completed asynchronously—you will log into the course site and complete them at your own pace. The course will take approximately 8-10 hours to complete.
- **What Credits are Available for the Course?** The Live-Virtual Training is accredited by ASWB, NAADAC, CME. The On-Demand Course has ASWB (Association of Social Work Boards), NBCC (National Board of Certified Counselors), NAADAC (The Association for Addiction Professional), CME (Continuing Medical education), AANP (American Association of Nurse Practitioners until the end of the year), AAFP (American Academy of Family Physicians), CAADE (California Association for Drug/Alcohol Educators), CADTP (California Association of DUI Treatment Programs).

ASAM Criteria Course Module Breakdown: The Core Content of this training is listed below. While not listed, clinical case reviews are interwoven throughout all of the modules build on each of the topics that are covered.

Module 1: Introduction to the ASAM Criteria

- Introduction and Context Setting
 - What is the ASAM Criteria?
 - Evolution of the ASAM Criteria: Then and Now
 - How to Use the Book (Orientation to the Textbook)
- Knowing What You Don't Know about The ASAM Criteria—It's Not Just a Checklist!
 - Common Misconceptions about the ASAM Criteria
 - Guiding Principles and Concepts of the ASAM Criteria
 - Generations of Clinical Care
 - Changing Traditional Approaches to Clinical Thinking
 - Content and Spirit of the ASAM Criteria



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Module 2: The Six Dimensions of Multidimensional Assessment

- Intake and Assessment
 - The ASAM Criteria Multidimensional Assessment
 - The 6 Dimensions
- Key Assessment Considerations
 - The 3 Hs – History, Here and Now, How Worried Now
 - Severity and Risk Ratings
 - Assessing Immediate Needs

Module 3: Treatment and Service Planning

- Service Planning and Collaboration in Treatment Planning
 - Moving from Assessment to Service Planning
 - The 5Ms of Treatment Planning
- Withdrawal Management
 - Introduction to Withdrawal Management (WM)
 - The Five Levels of Withdrawal Management
 - Withdrawal Management Instruments
 - Dimensional Interaction and Priorities

Module 4: Level of Care Placement

- The ASAM Criteria Levels of Care Treatment Levels of Service
 - Overview of the ASAM Levels of Care
 - Imminent Danger
 - Continued Service Criteria
 - Transfer/Discharge Criteria

Module 5: Considerations for Successful Application of the ASAM Criteria in Context of Systems Challenges

- Systems Challenges
 - Data to Identify Gaps
- The ASAM Criteria: Implementation with Fidelity [20 minutes]
 - ASAM's Feedback Loop
 - ASAM Continuum and CO-Triage
 - Evidence-Based
 - Continuous Quality Improvement
 - Empirically Driven Revision of the ASAM Criteria
 - Prompt, Seamless, Nationwide Updating
- ASAM Level of Care Certification
- The ASAM Criteria Copyright and Permissions Process