

Wisconsin HIV/AIDS Training System

Course Catalogue – 2009

Course descriptions are listed below. For the most current information about dates check the website: <http://www.wihiv.wisc.edu/trainingsystem>. Click on "Calendar" for dates of upcoming courses and click on "Registrations" to register for courses that the enrollment period is open for. For more information, please contact Megan Reading at 608-265-4551 or at reading@wisc.edu

Core Courses for Funded Agencies

Foundations for HIV Services in Wisconsin

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Objectives:

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- Describe populations at highest risk for HIV transmission in Wisconsin
- Describe evidence-based interventions to reduce risks of transmission, including HIV testing, and services to support people living with HIV.
- Explain challenges and successes addressing HIV among injection drug users
- Demonstrate barrier protection methods to reduce sexual risk transmission

Audience:

- Staff and Managers of agencies funded by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program or permission of instructor.

Prerequisite:

- None

Basic Counseling Skills for HIV Prevention

This two-day workshop provides an introduction to counseling skills essential for effective HIV prevention counseling in a variety of settings, including community-based organizations and other venues. Participants learn about the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) counseling protocol and have opportunities to develop counseling skills in the context of HIV prevention.

Objectives:

- Describe and demonstrate fundamental counseling concepts and skills
- Describe the Stages of Change model of behavior change
- Describe and demonstrate in practice sessions the steps of the HIV prevention counseling protocol

Audience:

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Prerequisite: Completion of:

- Foundations for HIV Services in Wisconsin

HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral (CTR) Services Program: New Provider Training

This two-day workshop provides an overview of HIV antibody counseling, testing, and referral (CTR) services. It includes a description of the history of CTR services, HIV antibody testing algorithms, oral fluid collection, relevant statutes, Wisconsin AIDS/HIV CTR objectives, program protocols, data collection requirements, HIV care & treatment advances and community resources. In addition, the course is designed to build upon skills from previous workshops to support providers develop test decision counseling skills, give test results, and link consumers to available resources.

Audience:

- Registration is limited to staff of agencies serving as publicly-funded HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral (CTR) or HIV Partner Services (PS) testing sites. Individuals wishing to register who are not directly associated with an HIV CTR or PS site must get permission from instructor.

Prerequisites: Completion of:

- Foundations for HIV Services in Wisconsin
- Basic Counseling Skills for HIV Prevention

Rapid HIV Antibody Testing Using the Stat-Pak Test

This one-day workshop teaches HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral (CTR) staff in protocols, quality assurance, and counseling issues related to conducting rapid HIV testing with Stat-Pak. Participants learn detailed steps in conducting the test, how to integrate the test with other CTR activities, and how to develop systems to assure quality testing including the proper use of documentation and record-keeping. Participants complete a competency assessment and practice pre-test counseling, prevention counseling, and post-test counseling in the context of rapid testing.

Objectives:

- Explain the government, regulatory, and program requirements for conducting rapid HIV testing
- Identify the administrative, technical, and psychosocial conditions for conducting rapid HIV testing in clinic and non-traditional or outreach settings
- Conduct all components of rapid HIV antibody testing using the Stat-Pak rapid HIV ½ antibody test, including collecting the specimen, running the test; interpreting and providing the test result; and obtaining follow-up confirmatory specimens as necessary.
- Provide pre-test, post-test, and prevention counseling in the context of conducting rapid HIV testing
- Implement activities to assure quality rapid HIV testing, including conducting external controls, monitoring storage and operating temperatures, and completing required documentation.

Audience:

- Participants affiliated with a CTR agency approved to conduct rapid testing by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program. Approved agencies must have: A CLIA laboratory certificate allowing waived testing, bloodborne pathogen control plan, a designated staff overseeing quality assurance of rapid testing on-site, contact with Kathleen Krchnavek, HIV CTR Specialist (608-267-3583 or Kathleen.Krchnavek@wisconsin.gov) to provide documentation of the requirements listed above.

Prerequisites: Completion of:

- Foundations for HIV Services in Wisconsin
- Basic Counseling Skills for HIV Prevention
- HIV Counseling, Testing, & Referral (CTR) Services Program: New Provider Training

HIV Partner Services (PS) Program: New Provider Training

This two-day workshop provides an introduction to HIV Partner Services for public health staff to implement HIV PS as a prevention intervention. HIV Partner Services (PS) previously known as HIV PCRS assists HIV infected person in identifying and notifying sex and needle sharing partners of their risk for HIV infection. It provides information about the goals and purposes of PS, benefits of PS to the clients, partners and the community. The workshop focuses on the steps required to conduct HIV Partner Services.

Objectives:

- Explain the goal of HIV Partner Services
- List benefits of PS to the HIV infected clients, their sex and needle sharing partners/contacts and the community they live in
- Explain required steps in conducting PS
- Demonstrate skills required to provide HIV Partner services

Audience:

- Wisconsin Local Public Health Departments staff intending to provide HIV Partner Services.

Prerequisites: Completion of:

- Foundations for HIV Services in Wisconsin
- Basic Counseling Skills for HIV Prevention course and
- HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral (CTR) Services Program: New Provider Training

New HIV Case Manager Orientation & Training

This one-day training provides new case managers with the skills and information necessary to begin actively providing case management and services to clients. It provides an introduction to case management in Wisconsin, issues and confidentiality, benefits for people living with HIV, HIV treatment, and mental health and substance abuse issues associated with HIV. The last hour of the day will be reserved for a written knowledge assessment covering the topics discussed in the training as well as the courses listed below. A passing score on this exam is required for certification as a Professional HIV Case Manager in Wisconsin.

Objectives:

- Provide new case managers with information and skills related to practicing case management in Wisconsin

Audience:

- Open only to individuals who are funded by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program to provide Ryan White case management services.

Prerequisites: Completion of:

- Foundations for HIV Services in Wisconsin
- Basic Counseling Skills for HIV Prevention

Annual Case Manager Meeting

This one-day meeting provides a professional update for Ryan White HIV Case Managers in the State of Wisconsin.

Objectives:

- Provide case managers with an opportunity to share challenges, successes, and network
- Provide information regarding changes in service provision

Audience:

- Open only to individuals who are funded by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program to provide Ryan White case management services.

Prerequisites:

- None

Open Enrollment Courses

CDC's Satellite Video Conference Broadcasts

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) periodically provides satellite broadcasts on selected topics related to HIV/AIDS. The Wisconsin HIV Training System arranges sites in Wisconsin for viewing the broadcasts. Program topics are listed on the website <http://www.wihiv.wisc.edu/trainingsystem> when they are announced by CDC. The broadcasts can be viewed live or at a later date on computers with Internet and Real Player capability through the CDC website at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/phtn>. In addition, the Training System makes available for loan videotapes of the broadcasts.

Audience:

- Local viewing sites and video loans are for individuals associated with Wisconsin agencies

Prerequisites:

- None

Benefits for People Living with HIV

This one-day workshop provides information on various topics related to financial and health care benefits for people living with HIV in Wisconsin. The Social Security Administration (SSA) will be describing the benefits and eligibility requirements for people living with HIV including SSI, SSDI and return to work programs. The State Medicaid Program will describe the new MA programs, Badgercare Plus and Childless Adults, and how they affect and can benefit people living with HIV.

Objectives:

- Provide information about medical and disability benefits for people living with HIV
- Describe and clarify the eligibility requirements for new Medicaid Assistance programs and their covered services
- Explain the processes for enrolling clients in the various programs

Audience:

- Individuals who are funded by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program to provide case management and/or client benefits counseling.

Prerequisite:

- None

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Prerequisite:

- None

HIV Prevention and MSM

This one-day workshop provides awareness about the on-going crisis of HIV/AIDS among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM). This workshop is designed to promote greater understanding about the current issues related to HIV/AIDS risk among MSM and to encourage providers of HIV prevention services to implement effective interventions/strategies to reduce HIV transmission among MSM.

Objectives:

- Describe populations of MSM most at risk for HIV transmission based on epidemiology (reinforce diversity within this population, including diversity of opinions)
- Identify personal attitudes, gaps in knowledge, and service delivery factors that get in the way of effectively reaching and serving MSM
- Describe components of effective provision of prevention and care services
- State appropriate HIV prevention and care messages for gay men, including messages for men who are living with HIV
- Demonstrate increased skill to communicate effectively with male clients, including skills to conduct an effective sexual history (e.g., acknowledgement of relationship status, use of risk assessment tools, use of medical and social intake forms, etc.)
- Identify unanswered questions and sources of information (e.g., current and reliable websites, organizations, etc.)
- Develop a short-term action plan related to prevention and/or care services for individuals and agencies to more effectively serve MSM

Audience:

- Staff and Managers of agencies funded by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program or permission of instructor.

Prerequisites:

- None

Transgender 101: Basics of Understanding Transgender Issues for Providers

This one-day workshop is designed to increase understanding of gender issues with culturally competent HIV prevention and care services.

Objectives:

- Define transgender and the categories that attempt to describe the ways people express gender
- Define identity and the concepts of self-, disclosed, and ascribed identities
- Increase knowledge of the prevalence and major biological, psychological, and social issues facing transgender people
- Confront their own beliefs about gender and the meaning of gender in their own lives
- Practice communicating with and about transgender people, highlighting things to do and to avoid
- Increase information and skills related to HIV prevention for MtF transgender people
- Discover ways to introduce and support HIV risk reduction in medical, social service and mental health settings

Audience:

- Staff and Managers of agencies funded by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program or permission of instructor.

Prerequisite:

- None

Reaching LGBT Clients Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence

This one-day workshop is designed for providers working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) clients experiencing intimate partner violence (IPV). It provides basic information on barriers faced by LGBT victim/survivors, explores the similarities and differences between violence in LGBT and non-LGBT communities, and provides an opportunity to develop short and long term plans for addressing this issue.

Objectives:

- Describe the isolation and barriers faced by LGBT people experiencing IPV
- Identify similarities and differences between IPV in LGBT and non-LGBT communities
- Describe the intersection of sex, gender, and sexual orientation, including a focus on transgender terminology
- Develop short and long term goals to better address LGBT IPV

Audience: Staff and Managers of agencies funded by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program or permission of instructor.

Prerequisite:

- None

Tools to Work With Clients Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

HIV/AIDS is a serious problem in deaf communities. Individuals who are deaf are at increased risk for HIV, with rates of HIV infection in this population estimated to be two to 10 times higher than rates among hearing people. This one-day workshop provides an opportunity for HIV prevention and care providers to learn more about this population and leave with important tools to better serve clients, and potential clients, who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Objectives:

- Discuss deafness as a culture rather than as a pathology
- Describe impact of HIV on deaf communities
- Assess and monitor access issues in your agency for clients who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Identify culturally appropriate approaches to working with this diverse population
- Use tips and strategies to communicate effectively with deaf and hard of hearing clients
- Hire sign language interpreters qualified to work in the area of HIV/AIDS
- Identify and use selected communication devices

Audience: Staff and Managers of agencies funded by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program or permission of instructor.

Prerequisite:

- None

Viral Hepatitis: The Basics

This course provides information for staff that provide hepatitis testing, hepatitis case follow-up, and viral hepatitis prevention education. It expands on the content of *It's Time: Integrating Viral Hepatitis Into Your Work* by focusing on interpretation of hepatitis test results.

Objectives:

- Explain basic information about Hepatitis A, B, and C:
 - Transmission
 - Spectrum of illness
 - Epidemiology
 - Prevention
 - Testing
 - Treatment
 - Harm Reduction
- Provide overview of Hepatitis C testing
- Provide overview of Hepatitis B vaccination of high risk adults
- Be aware of resources for Hepatitis C treatment

Audience: The course is intended for staff from local health departments (public health nurses and public health educators), AIDS service organizations, community-based organizations, hospitals (infection control practitioners), correctional facilities, family planning agencies and clinics that provide STD testing.

Prerequisites:

- None