

ASAM TRAINING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are there regulations or policies mandating ASAM Criteria training?

Virginia Code section 18.2-271.1 and 18.2-271.2 makes provisions for the Commission on VASAP to promulgate policies and procedures for the local ASAPS and to establish and ensure maintenance of minimum standards and criteria for program operations and performance. The Commission will be designating a scientifically validated instrument to institute parity of services across jurisdictions and enhance the process for placement into the appropriate level of intervention. The ASAM Criteria, nationally recognized as the gold standard in treatment assessment, has been selected.

All eligible providers, with the appropriate licensure and ASAM Criteria training, will be able to provide treatment services to ASAP participants. The use of local lists for referrals will cease. This new practice will expand the available treatment options, therefore shortening the wait time for services and minimizing potential delays in the onset of intervention. Persons enrolled in the ASAPs will have greater flexibility in choosing a certified provider.

What is the relevance of the ASAM Criteria training?

The ASAM Criteria is the most widely used guideline for assessment, service planning, placement, continued stay and discharge of patients with addictive disorders.

Are you asking us to attend and afford this training in order to continue as treatment providers?

In the near future, all providers eligible to conduct treatment assessments for ASAP participants will be required to be trained in the ASAM Criteria and utilize this criterion for assessment.

If I am not able to make the training due to a scheduling conflict, is there another way to receive this training?

The Commission on VASAP will accept all ASAM Criteria training, regardless of the location of the training, as long as it provides the required 13 hours of CEUs.

Is this training mandatory for VASAP providers?

In recognition of the long-standing relationship that ASAPs have established with providers, this training is initially being coordinated for your convenience and for advanced preparation. Attendance at the training offered by the Commission is not mandatory. You may choose to secure your own training. However, required use of selected criteria will become part of our standard operational procedure.

It is anticipated that some providers may opt out of the use of ASAM Criteria and decide that they are no longer interested in providing services to ASAP participants.

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Will you accept the ASAM Criteria eLearning?

We have confirmed with the American Society for Addictions Medicine (ASAM) that there is no available eLearning for ASAM Criteria that will provide 13 hours of CEUs. Therefore, eLearning will not be accepted.

Is ASAP going to host other ASAM Criteria trainings? If not, is there any resource where providers can find dates for other trainings offered elsewhere?

The Commission on VASAP will host its last ASAM training on June 22nd and June 23rd at the Virginia Tech Richmond Center. For registration information, please call 804-786-5895 or email info@vasap.virginia.gov. ASAM Criteria training is nationally recognized by the American Society of Addiction Medicine. You may be able to find other training by visiting <http://www.asam.org/>.

Do you have a projected date when providers need to have completed training?

On March 17, 2017, at the Commission on VASAP meeting, the ASAM criteria was adopted as the official assessment process for use in VASAP referrals starting July 1, 2017.

Are there any exemptions to the training?

Providers who are Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners (LSATP) will be exempt from the ASAM requirement as they possess enhanced training and certification.

What credentials does the person need to have to take the course?

Persons will need to be appropriately licensed by an approved governmental entity to provide substance abuse treatment services.

If I have multiple persons in my agency, do they all have to be ASAM trained?

Any person conducting the treatment assessment will need to be trained in the use of ASAM Criteria.

If I have the ASAM Criteria book, will I need to pay the \$500.00 registration fee?

The training session and accompanying book is being provided at a discounted rate. All persons registering will be required to pay the \$500.00 registration fee.

If more than one person from an agency attends the training, is there a group rate?

Due to the overall session discount, group rates will not be available.