



2018 Partner Services Training Information and Calendar

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of HIV and STD Programs

HIV Care and Prevention Section

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Mission

HIV Training Services in Michigan are coordinated through the HIV Care and Prevention Section (HCPS). HCPS, in turn, is part of the Division of HIV and STD Programs in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

HCPS focuses on HIV-related activities, including: HIV testing for individuals; linking individuals who test positive for HIV to medical care; helping individuals remain HIV negative; working with partners who may be at risk for HIV; and offering training and certification to HIV Prevention Test Counselors throughout Michigan.

MDHHS HIV Prevention activities are focused on decreasing the overall number of new HIV infections, working to suppress the overall viral load of communities at risk, and improving the lives of all Michigan residents.

Eligibility

This course is *required* for all HIV Test Counselors who are employed in a local health department and who are designated to conduct Partner Services (PS) field investigation activities.

Additionally, an applicant must have received prior certification as an HIV Test Counselor by completing all three Counseling, Testing, and Referral (CTR) Modules. [Click here](#) for more information.

Registration

Once all eligibility requirements have been met, registration for PS Certification Training may be completed by [clicking here](#).

Registration information for Update Trainings will be sent out six weeks prior to the training date. [Click here](#) for more information.

All courses are free of charge.

Training Announcements

To keep up-to-date with the latest training announcements, you may request to be added to the HIV Training Listserv by e-mailing MDHHS-HIVTraining@michigan.gov.

Cancellation

Applicants who are unable to attend any trainings for which they have already registered must contact the Quality Assurance & Training Unit at MDHHS-HIVTraining@michigan.gov or (517) 335-7718 no later than two working days before the scheduled training. Failure to do so may result in “lost priority” for the applicant for any future trainings. Supervisors will be notified if a participant is a “no call/no show”.

Participation Requirements

Full participation and successful completion of exams (80% or better) are required for all CTR and PS trainings in order to receive full credit.

If a participant scores below 80%, he/she will be given one opportunity to retake the exam. If a passing score is still not achieved, he/she will be required to retake the course at a future training. Supervisors will be notified of failures.

Counselor Certification/Re-certification

All HIV Test Counselor, Test Administrator, and Partner Services (PS) certifications expire at the end of the second full year from issue date (i.e., issued February 2015, expires December 2017). While MDHHS staff maintains oversight of certification requirements, it is the responsibility of the individual and/or their agency to ensure certification status is current.

In order to maintain active PS certification, all PS staff are required to complete six (6) hours of in-person update training every two years, per the following guidelines:

- State of Michigan (SOM)-sponsored HIV update trainings are eligible to maintain certification. This includes HIV prevention, care, and PS trainings. Each training is approximately six hours.
- Non-SOM update trainings with HIV-related content may be eligible. Contact [Tracy Peterson-Jones](#) for further information.

Partner Services (PS) Certification Training

The two-day Partner Services Certification Training for Local Health Departments is designed to familiarize staff with a number of strategies to control and prevent the spread of HIV and other STDs. Utilizing the updated “Recommendations for Conducting Integrated Partners Services for HIV/STD Prevention”, participants will learn about program policy and practices for conducting PS activities. Emphasis will be placed on techniques for working with individuals diagnosed with HIV and other STDs to identify their at-risk partners, so prevention counseling, testing, and referral services can be provided. Participants will learn skills to conduct thorough field investigations and techniques for personal safety. In addition, participants will learn skills to enhance the delivery of partner services.

Intended Audience: This course is *required* for all HIV Test Counselors who are employed in a local health department and who are designated to conduct PS field investigation activities.

Pre-requisites: Successful completion of all three CTR module trainings.

<u>Training Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
Thursday & Friday, March 22-23, 2018	Detroit	March 1, 2018
Thursday & Friday, June 21-22, 2018	Lansing	May 31, 2018
Thursday & Friday, October 25-26, 2018	Detroit	October 4, 2018

PS Web Training

Trainings for PS Web will be provided as needed or requested per agency. If trainings are needed, please contact Christine Convery at (248) 424-7926 or converyc@michigan.gov.