

# OPIOID RAPID RESPONSE PROGRAM

▼ Online Training | Information for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Health Departments



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's priority is to support state and local jurisdictions on the frontlines of the overdose crisis. Maintaining comprehensive, up-to-date training for the public health workforce is critical to addressing America's overdose crisis. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps developed opioid rapid response training to provide frontline responders with knowledge of the opioid overdose crisis so they can prepare for opioid overdose spikes or related scenarios. State, local, tribal and territorial health agencies can access this training to support their agency's efforts.

## What are the benefits of the online training?

The goal of the online training is to provide a broad understanding of topics related to the opioid overdose crisis. The training may be used to supplement trainings and resources from state, local, tribal, and territorial health agencies, or as a starting point for agencies' future workforce training. The training curriculum is self-paced, interactive, and can be viewed either on mobile or desktop devices. Several courses in the training curriculum offer free continuing education (CE) credit for health professionals. Learners can receive a training certificate upon completion of the required sections and the post-training evaluation.

## What information does the online training provide?

The online training provides a comprehensive overview of the current opioid overdose crisis in the United States and ways to address it. Topics include opioid overdose epidemiology, clinical aspects of opioids, harm reduction strategies, federal agency roles, opioid-involved polysubstance overdose deaths, opioids and infectious diseases, opioids in the workplace, combating opioid use disorder in pregnant women, and opioid use disorder cascade of care. Two versions of the training curriculum are available:

- A non-clinician version for staff serving in non-clinical roles, which is comprised of seven core sections and seven optional sections.
- A clinician version for staff serving in clinical roles, which is comprised of all the sections of the non-clinician version plus two additional sections that cover clinical topics in greater depth.



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## Topics covered in each section of the online training curriculum.

### Core Sections

- Section 1: Understanding the Opioid Overdose Epidemic
- Section 2: Opioid Overdose Epidemic Data
- Section 3: Clinical Aspects of Opioids
- Section 4: CDC/HHS Strategies to Address the Opioid Overdose Epidemic
- Section 5: State Policies to Address the Opioid Overdose Epidemic
- Section 6: Harm Reduction and Partnering with Public Safety
- Section 7: Communication Strategies
- Section 8 (clinician only): Opioid Therapy and Risk Mitigation
- Section 9 (clinician only): Special Topics in Opioid Therapy: Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Pregnancy

### Optional Sections

- Optional Section 1: Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC)
- Optional Section 2: Essential Elements for Advancing ROSC with Rapid Response Teams
- Optional Section 3: Opioids in the Workplace
- Optional Section 4: Combating Opioid Use Disorder Among Pregnant and Postpartum Women
- Optional Section 5: Opioid-involved Polysubstance Overdose Deaths
- Optional Section 6: Opioids and Infectious Disease Complications
- Optional Section 7: Opioid Use Disorder Cascade of Care



### How was the online training developed?

The Opioid Rapid Response Program (ORRP) online training curriculum was compiled by CDC in 2019 and updated in 2021 to reflect emerging data trends and issues contributing to the overdose epidemic. Landscape scans were conducted, and evidence-based resources were selected that provide up-to-date, accurate, and comprehensive information regarding the opioid overdose crisis.



### How do I access the online training?

The online training is available through the CDC TRAIN learning management system.

**TRAIN affiliates:** Access the training plan via the links below. If you cannot access, please use the directions in the Non-TRAIN agencies section below.

- Clinician version: [https://www.train.org/main/training\\_plan/3766](https://www.train.org/main/training_plan/3766)
- Non-clinician version: [https://www.train.org/main/training\\_plan/3781](https://www.train.org/main/training_plan/3781)

**Non-TRAIN agencies:** To access the training plan, please [refer to the guidance document](#). You will be instructed to create a new account in CDC TRAIN (if you do not currently have a TRAIN account) and join the Opioid Rapid Response Teams learning group.

- For questions, please contact Opioid Rapid Response Teams Support at [ORRT@cdc.gov](mailto:ORRT@cdc.gov).



### How will the online training be evaluated?

The online training will continue to be reviewed and updated as new resources become available. The ORRP team will monitor participation in the training, and the training will be evaluated for learner satisfaction and usefulness.