



Substance Use Training and Certification

In order to better address the issue of substance use disorder in our state the RI Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (RI HPLRP) has added a series of questions to the program application. These questions ask 1) does the applicant provide substance use treatment at their practice; 2) is the applicant certified by the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) or the Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC) to provide substance abuse services; 3) does the applicant possess a DATA 2000 waiver; and 4) will the applicant have a substance abuse training or certification completed by March 15, 2019? Applicants should answer all questions but need answer 'yes' to only one question. For example, an applicant who possesses a DATA 2000 waiver need not also hold certification from the IC&RC or NAADAC.

Not all health professionals provide substance abuse services as part of their work. However, all health professionals can increase their awareness of substance use disorder and treatment. These applicants are asked to complete substance abuse training, such as SBIRT, and submit documentation with their application or within a month of the due date of the application. Training from a wide variety of sources are acceptable. Below is a list of resources. Any questions about the acceptability of a training or certification should be directed to the program.

Suggested Resources for Trainings and Certifications:

[RI Substance Use Mental Health Leadership Council](#)

[New England Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network](#)

[SAMHSA](#)

[The Association for Addiction Professionals](#)

[International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium](#)

[Arizona State University Continuing and Professional Education \(for dental professionals\)](#)