

Waiver Training for PAs

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In accordance with the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) and the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act, physician assistants must complete 24 hours of specialized training to prescribe buprenorphine, one of three medications approved by the FDA for the treatment of opioid use disorder. The training includes 8 hours of MAT waiver training and an additional 16 hours of training.

Steps to Obtain your MAT Waiver

Review information about the steps to complete the waiver process. The steps include:

1. Check your eligibility.
2. Take the 8 hour and 16 hour MAT Waiver courses (see below).
3. Submit your Notification of Intent (NOI) form and Certificates of Completion.

Training Formats for Physician Assistants

Online 24 Hour Training

[Begin the PA 8 hour MAT Waiver Training](#)

[Begin the PA 16 hour MAT Waiver Training](#)

Note: Microsoft is no longer updating Internet Explorer and as such it is not

compatible with this online course. We highly recommend using Google Chrome as your web browser when completing this course.

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Other Training Formats to Fulfill 8 Hour Requirement

Half and Half (In-Person) Training

PAs sign up for and attend a 4 hour live training taught by a clinical expert in their area. Once completed, participants receive the second half of the course – a 4 hour online self-study portion. At the end of the course, participants are required to pass an exam with a 75% or higher before applying for their waiver. This option fulfills the first 8 hours out of the 24 hour requirement.

Half and Half (Webinar)

PAs sign up for and attend a 4 hour virtual webinar via computer taught by a clinical expert. Once completed, participants receive the second half of the course – a 4 hour online self-study portion. At the end of the course, participants are required to pass an exam with a 75% or higher before applying for their waiver. This option fulfills the first 8 hours out of the 24 hour requirement.

8 Hour Full Day Training

PAs sign up for and attend a full day training led by a clinical expert in various locations throughout the year. View [calendar of events](#) to search for upcoming 8 hour in-person trainings in your area. This option fulfills the first 8 hours out of the 24 hour requirement.

For questions regarding the 8 hour and 16 hour courses, email pcss@aaap.org.