

ASAM 4th edition training manual training FAQ

About the ASAM 4th edition trainings

The trainings will be offered virtually, via Zoom between July 2024 and January 2026. While there is no cost for the trainings, participants must purchase [The ASAM Criteria 4th Edition book or online version](#).

- **NAADAC CEUs are offered for completing the trainings.**

The trainings are offered in three tiers:

- Tier 1 is called The Evolution of The ASAM Criteria: What's New in the Fourth Edition.
 - The tier 1 training is for anyone and everyone in the behavioral health field.
 - For a broad audience who works in the field and wants a consolidated overview of the ASAM updates.
- Tier 2 is a prerequisite for the tier 3 training and is called Two-day ASAM Criteria Fourth Edition Skill-building Training.
 - Benefit clinicians who are newer to the field or are SUDPTs who would benefit from an in-depth course.
- Tier 3 is called Implementation, Improvement, Sustainability and Coaching of the ASAM Criteria, A "How To," Science Based Approach.
 - Designed for for clinical supervisors, directors, administrators, and decision makers who play a key role in implementation and ongoing support of adopting the changes within their organization.

A detailed list of trainings, dates, and registration links are listed below. To register for any of the trainings below visit [the Trainforchange website](#).

Tier 1 –

The Evolution of The ASAM Criteria: What's New in the Fourth Edition

Tier 1 is suited for a broad audience working in the field who want a consolidated overview.

The Fourth Edition of The ASAM Criteria builds on the past 30 years of The Criteria and provides an updated, streamlined, and pragmatic approach to assessment and treatment planning. This 4.5-hour session will provide a consolidated overview, in addition to some of the "why" in relation to the major changes in terminology, levels of care, dimensions, and assessment processes.

Training details

All trainings are limited to 60 participants

CEU's - 4.0 NAADAC credits

- **Monday, July 15**
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Tuesday, July 16**
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
[Register](#)

- **Friday, July 19**
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Wednesday, July 31**
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Tuesday, August 13**
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Wednesday, August 14**
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Friday, August 30**
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Wednesday, September 4**
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Wednesday, September 11**
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Monday, September 30**
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
[Register](#)

Tier 2 –

Two-day ASAM Criteria Fourth Edition Skill-building Training

Who would benefit? Tier 2 is suited for clinicians who are newer to the field or are SUDPTs who would benefit from an in-depth course. Tier 2, either in ASAM Criteria 3rd or 4th edition, is also a pre-requisite to Tier 3.

This two-day, application focused training will provide participants with an in-depth look at some of the significant changes and improvements in the Fourth Edition. Participants will have opportunities to apply and practice key components of the Criteria, including but not limited to; the six dimensions, level of care assessment, application of Risk Ratings to each of the Five Dimensions, Dimensional Admission Criteria Decision Rules, shared decision making, and an overview of Service Characteristic Standards, Discharge, and Transition Criteria. A copy of the ASAM Criteria 4th edition is highly recommended.

Training details

All trainings are limited to 40 participants

CEUs – 10.0 NAADAC credits

- **Thursday, July 25 to Friday, July 26**
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
[Register](#)

- **Wednesday, August 21 to Thursday, August 22**
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Thursday, August 22 to Friday, August 23**
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Thursday, September 5 to Friday, September 6**
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Tuesday, September 24 to Wednesday, September 25**
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
[Register](#)

Tier 3 –

Implementation, Improvement, Sustainability and Coaching of the ASAM Criteria, A “How To,” Science Based Approach

Tier 3 is suited for clinical supervisors, directors, administrators, and decision makers who play a key role in implementation and ongoing support of adopting the changes within their organization.

The field often teaches and expects change without teaching and advising about what to install, how to measure it, how to build the implementation team and what to remove to make space for the new model. We overlook the fact that all programs are perfectly designed to do exactly what they are doing; we need to think more about installation. We essentially teach people how to play the game and never consider if they have the equipment and a field to play on when they leave training. This training goes beyond the single strategy and frequently ineffective belief that more trainers and training creates change.

The training teaches a foundational, straightforward way to implement, improve and sustain fidelity to the ASAM Criteria. Focusing on a science-based foundation for continuous improvement within the organization, not only for The ASAM Criteria but for any improvement or implementation project.

Each participant receives a copy of the ASAM Criteria Implementation Guide and 1 hour of coaching post training. Coaching call must be completed in order to receive a certificate and credits.

Participants must attend all 5 sessions to receive CEU's, sessions cannot be made up later.

Participants must sign up at least two weeks prior to the training date and they must provide the address where they will be attending the training virtually, this is to make sure that all attendees have access to training materials.

Pre-requisites for Tier 3 Training:

- Completion of a 2-day ASAM Criteria Skill Building Training (3rd or 4th Edition)
- Competency with ASAM Criteria
- Possession of the Third or Fourth Edition of the ASAM Criteria

Training details

Training courses are limited to 25 participants and each training includes 5 specific consecutive weekly sessions. Participants must stay in the same five-day cohort.

- **Monday, July 15 to Monday, August 12**
1 to 3 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Group A training dates:**
Session 1: Monday, July 15
Session 2: Monday, July 22
Session 3: Monday, July 29
Session 4: Monday, August 5
Session 5: Monday, August 12
- **Tuesday, July 16 to Tuesday, August 13**
1 to 3 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Group B training dates:**
Session 1: Tuesday, July 16
Session 2: Tuesday, July 23
Session 3: Tuesday, July 30
Session 4: Tuesday, August 6
Session 5: Tuesday, August 13
- **Wednesday July 17 to Wednesday August 14**
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Group C training dates**
Group 1: Wednesday, July 17
Group 2: Wednesday, July 24
Group 3: Wednesday, July 31
Group 4: Wednesday, August 7
Group 5: Wednesday, August 14
- **Friday, July 26 to Friday, August 23**
12 to 2 p.m.
[Register](#)
- **Group D training dates:**
Session 1: Friday, July 26
Session 2: Friday, August 2
Session 3: Friday, August 9
Session 4: Friday, August 16
Session 5: Friday, August 23
- **Friday, August 2 to Friday, August 30**
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
[Register](#)

- **Group E training dates:**
Session 1: Friday, August 2
Session 2: Friday, August 9
Session 3: Friday, August 16
Session 4: Friday, August 23
Session 5: Friday, August 30