

Mountain West ATTC Curriculum Infusion Package (CIP) for Addiction Educators

Based on the NIDA-SAMHSA Blending Initiative: “Buprenorphine Treatment: A Training for Multidisciplinary Addiction Professionals”

Introduction to the Training

Background Information: NIDA-SAMHSA Blending Initiative

In order to disseminate information to the addiction treatment field, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has created a partnership with the Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The fourteen regional ATTCs throughout the country and the ATTC National Office provide specialized training and technical assistance to substance abuse treatment professionals to create a more effective treatment workforce. Through the NIDA-SAMHSA Blending Initiative, special groups called Blending Teams composed of NIDA researchers and ATTC representatives meet to design dissemination strategies.

Focus on Buprenorphine

In the year 2000, NIDA created the Clinical Trials Network (CTN). The CTN conducts studies of behavioral, pharmacological and integrated behavioral and pharmacological treatment interventions in rigorous, multi-site clinical trials to determine effectiveness across a broad range of community-based treatment settings and diverse patient populations. Once research is completed, the CTN will work to transfer the research results to physicians, providers and their patients to improve the quality of drug abuse treatment throughout the country.

In 2002, tablet formulations of buprenorphine were approved by the FDA for the treatment of opiate addiction. Additionally, the CTN has implemented several clinical trials related to specific uses of this medication. The CTN clinical trials for buprenorphine are now underway or completed. Information is being analyzed and prepared for dissemination to the field in the form of specific treatment information.

In order to prepare the field to integrate this new treatment effectively, NIDA formed a Blending Team to develop awareness training for multidisciplinary (non-physician) addiction professionals to educate them about buprenorphine and its use in the treatment of opioid addiction. This training was designed to provide a broad overview of the medication and treatment of individuals receiving this medication.

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What is This Curriculum Infusion Package?

Based on the first Blending Team’s dissemination package, “Buprenorphine Treatment: A Training for Multidisciplinary Addiction Professionals,” the Mountain West ATTC brings you this Curriculum Infusion Package (CIP) to provide the latest NIDA-SAMHSA Blending Initiative. This CIP is designed to support Addiction Educators in their curricula. The CIP includes four PowerPoint presentations for undergraduate and graduate level courses with accompanying detailed notes and training manuals in portable document format (PDF). For your convenience, PowerPoint presentations will be provided in PDF format for handouts and emails.

Please Note: PDF requires Adobe Acrobat Reader, free download at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

How Are the PowerPoint Training Slides Organized?

The PowerPoint presentations are designed to provide information in four unique educational ways: (1) a 2 hour presentation, “Using Buprenorphine in the Treatment of Opioid Addiction,” developed for graduate level students; (2) a 20-30 minute presentation, “Generalist’s Course,” designed to provide a broad overview to an introductory undergraduate addiction course; (3) a 20-30 minute presentation, “Pharmacology Course,” a specific course developed for dissemination of information on the science of addiction; (4) a 10 minute presentation, “Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000,” focuses on the legislation Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA) of 2000 that permits office-based buprenorphine treatment based on the work of Dr. Thomas Freese of the Pacific Southwest ATTC.

It is important to note that this Mountain West ATTC Curriculum Infusion Package (CIP) on Buprenorphine Awareness is introductory and is focused on building awareness and encouraging multidisciplinary addiction professionals to learn more about buprenorphine treatment. It is not designed to provide an expert level of competency in utilizing buprenorphine for opioid addiction. The PowerPoint presentations within this CIP provides valuable information about legislation that permits office-based buprenorphine treatment, the science of addiction, the mechanism of buprenorphine, patient selection issues, and various patient, counseling and therapeutic issues.

Disclaimer: Throughout the presentations, the term “patient” is used to refer to the individual seeking treatment. This terminology reflects the medicalized nature of buprenorphine treatment and underscores the fact that the treatment is largely physician-driven. The use of this term may be inconsistent with the vocabulary in common usage in addiction treatment settings or addiction education courses.

Additional Information about Infusing the Curriculum Infusion Packages (CIP)

This package is designed to be infused into addiction education curricula based on the specifics of the course. Addiction Educators are encouraged to make adaptations to the materials as needed.

"Layout" refers to the way the slide is arranged for viewing purposes. You may view the slide presentations as a regular slide show, as a web-page with presentation notes, or strictly as a notes page. Notes are added directly to the PowerPoint presentation for your convenience to use as you please.

To preview a presentation as a Web page (PowerPoint only):

1. On the **File** menu, click **Web Page Preview**.

Note This opens your presentation in your default Web browser.

To apply the layout to a notes page (PowerPoint only):

1. On the **View** menu, click **Notes Page**.
2. If the page you want isn't displayed, scroll to display it.
3. On the **Format** menu, click **Notes Layout**.
4. Click the **Reapply master** check box.

Materials Needed to Conduct the Curriculum Infusion Packages (CIP)

- Computer and LCD projector to project the PowerPoint training slides OR Printed overheads and overhead projector.
- Computer (with speakers) to play the CD-ROM of “Put Your Smack Down! A Video About Buprenorphine” that you may use in any classroom course.