

New DEA Registration and Renewal Requirements and Illinois Physician Licensure Requirements for 2023 Renewal

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Registration and Renewal Requirements

Recently, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) [issued guidance](#) describing requirements for **a one-time, eight-hour training** on the “treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.” The Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act, part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) of 2023 ([P.L. 117-328](#)), was passed into law and requires all DEA-registered providers to complete this training. **Effective June 27, 2023**, clinicians applying for a new DEA registration or renewal must complete the required training and attest to completion on the date of renewal. **Those completing their registration or renewal prior to June 27th, 2023, will not have to meet the new training requirements until their next renewal cycle.**

Clinicians can satisfy the new requirements if:

- They are board certified in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry from the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board of Addiction Medicine, or the American Osteopathic Association
- They graduated in good standing from a medical (allopathic or osteopathic), dental, physician assistant, or advanced practice nursing school in the United States within five years of June 27, 2023, and successfully completed a comprehensive curriculum that included at least eight hours of training on treating and managing patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.
- They engage in 8 hours of training on treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders from an accredited organization listed in the [DEA document](#).
 - Training does NOT have to occur in one session.
 - Relevant training from an accredited organization occurring prior to the enactment of the new training obligation counts toward the eight-hour requirement.
 - Past DATA-Waived training counts toward the 8-hour requirement. As part of the above-mentioned legislation, clinicians no longer require an X-waiver to prescribe Schedule III opioid buprenorphine.
 - The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recommends that “content should be related to the prevention, recognition, and care of people with substance use disorders including those with concurrent pain and/or psychiatric and medical co-morbidities”. Further recommendations from SAMHSA are available [here](#).
 - Prior substance use disorder CME completed to fulfill IL physician license requirements for opioid education, or for other purposes, should count toward the 8-hour DEA mandate if the content addressed the prevention, recognition, and care of people with substance use disorders.

Available Resources:

There are many resources available to help faculty meet this new requirement, including resources accredited by the Feinberg School of Medicine Office of CME and external organizations. As additional materials are created, they will be added to this collection.

Illinois Physician Licensure Requirements for 2023 Renewal

The Illinois legislature expanded licensure requirements for all physicians due for license renewal in July 2023. Additionally, the city of Chicago has new requirements for sexual harassment training. As in prior years, all licensed physicians must complete 150 hours of continuing medical education (CME) to renew their license. These requirements are self-reported to your licensing body at the time of your license renewal. More information on these requirements is also available from the [Illinois State Medical Society](#). IL physicians must complete continuing education on each of the following topics:

Opioids: IL physicians with a Controlled Substance Registration must complete **three-hours** of CME on safe opioid prescribing practices to renew their Controlled Substance Registration.

Sexual Harassment: One-hour of sexual harassment prevention education is required for any profession licensed by IDFPR that requires continuing education as a condition of licensure renewal. Further, the city of Chicago passed a new ordinance requiring all employees who work in Chicago to complete **annual** sexual harassment training. (Employees must participate in **1 hour of sexual harassment prevention training and 1 hour of bystander training annually**; anyone who supervises or manages employees must participate in 2 hours of sexual harassment prevention and 1 hour of bystander training annually.)

Dementia: **One-hour** of training on the diagnosis, treatment, and care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is required for every licensed healthcare professional who interacts with patients 26 years of age or older. Learn more under Sec. 2105-365 [here](#).

Implicit Bias: **One-hour** of education on recognizing implicit bias in health care is required for all licensed healthcare professionals. Learn more under Sec. 2105-15.7 [here](#).

Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse: Physicians who treat children must complete this training requirement once every six years.

The Feinberg Office of CME office has collected a list of resources to enable everyone to achieve these requirements as efficiently as possible. This list is not comprehensive and will be updated as new resources are available. There are many widely available web-based resources that will meet these requirements. In many cases, an educational activity may meet more than one requirement (for example, an opioid activity that counts toward both the IL and DEA requirements.) Further, CME Passport and AMA Ed Hub are two online repositories of large numbers of accredited educational activities:

[CME Passport](#), a CME search engine provided by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), is a large database of accredited education and searchable by keywords such as "tobacco use" or "opioid safety". The user creates a profile and credits are tracked in a transcript.

[AMA Ed Hub](#), an online resource of over 4000 CME activities from multiple sources. The user may login with AMA credentials or create a free account. Most courses are free.

Opioid Education Resources:

[Northwestern Opioid Modules: A collection of thirteen CME-accredited 10-15 minute modules on safe opioid prescribing practices.](#) Credit may be claimed even if the modules have been previously completed.

Northwestern Enduring (Recorded) Lectures (CME available):

[Management of Acute & Chronic Pain: A Case-based Approach to Novel Strategies for Reducing Opioid Consumption; Dost Khan, MD and Sterling Elliott, PharmD, BCMTMS](#)

[Use of Opioids in the Ambulatory Environment; David Kalainov, MD, MBA & Jose Magana, MD, MBA](#)

[Opioid Prescribing; David Kalainov, MD](#)

[Alternatives to opioids for pain management;](#) John V. Prunskis, MD

[Opioid Analgesics and the Neural Mechanisms of Addiction;](#)
Amiel Rosenkranz, PhD

[Neurobiology of opioid-induced respiratory depression;](#) Kaiwen Kam, PhD

[Telepsychiatry's Role in Medication Assisted Treatment in Opioid Use Disorder;](#)
Sajoy P Varghese, MD

[Buprenorphine: an introduction and its use for chronic pain;](#) Brian Chung, MD

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [Opioid basics, data, overdose prevention, guidelines, and trainings](#). (Free. Multiple modules with CME available).

NEJM [Knowledge+ Pain Management and Opioids focus module](#). (Free. CME and MOC available)

Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS): Opioids: [Resources to Combat Misuse, Abuse, and Overdose](#). (Fee associated. Free for ISMS members. CME available).

AMA Ed Hub: collection of 36.5 credit hours that meets the new DEA requirements available [here](#).

American College of Physicians: [ACP – DEA Education Requirement](#) (Free for members, otherwise fee-associated; multiple modalities with CME).

National Institutes of Health – National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA): [NIH-NIKDA CME/CE Activities](#) (Free. Multiple modalities; CME available)

Podcasts: The Curbsiders and Addiction Medicine podcasts offer accredited CME: [How to Claim CME Credit for Podcasts](#) (Free. CME Available).

Sexual Harassment Prevention:

[Harassment and Discrimination Prevention 2023](#)

**For Northwestern University faculty and staff only. Requires you to log in using your NetID and password. For questions or issues logging in, contact the University support desk: consultant@northwestern.edu, or speak to a Support Specialist by calling 847-491-4357 (1-HELP).*

[Northwestern Medicine Harassment Prevention Training Module](#)**:

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Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) – Sexual Harassment Prevention Training: <https://www.isms.org/cme/cme/about-education> (Fee associated. CME available)

Coming Soon! Three hours of sexual harassment prevention that will meet the IL and Chicago requirements.

Dementia:

[Understanding Dementia: Characterization, Diagnosis, and Patient Care - Joshua Cahan MD](#)

Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) – Dementia. <https://www.mymeded.com/illinois-state-medical-society/content/alzheimers-disease-and-other-dementias-what-illinois-medical-professionals-need-know-1> (Fee associated. CME available)

[Early Detection and Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia](#): Illinois Academy of Family Physicians Online Education (Free online course after creating an account.)

Implicit Bias:

[Mitigating Implicit Bias and Microaggressions in the Workplace](#)**

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[Understanding and Moving Beyond Bias and Microaggressions](#)