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Intoxicated Driver Program - Approved Training (IDP-AT)

Summary

This memo describes requirements for people enrolling in the Intoxicated Driver Program-Approved Training (IDP-AT). These requirements are now in effect for registering for the IDP-AT.

Background

The Department of Health Services requires that people enrolling in the IDP-AT have certain knowledge that is not provided within the training course. Many of the professions currently eligible to be Intoxicated Driver Program assessors do not obtain education and/or training related to substance use disorders, interviewing skills, assessment techniques, or effective treatment strategies. Requiring this knowledge before a person can take the IDP-AT will ensure professionals in the Intoxicated Driver Program have the experience necessary to effectively assess impaired drivers.

This memo outlines current requirements for the IDP-AT.

Eligibility to enroll in the IDP-AT

An Intoxicated Driver Program assessment facility must employ or contract with at least one qualified intoxicated driver assessor. Each intoxicated driver assessor employed or under contract with the facility must have successfully completed the intoxicated driver assessor training under [Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 62.05\(3\)](#). To enroll in the IDP-AT, people must verify they meet one of the following criteria prior to enrollment:

1. Proof of certification as a Wisconsin substance abuse counselor in training (SAC-IT), substance abuse counselor (SAC), or clinical substance abuse counselor (CSAC).
2. Proof of certification or licensure as a physician, psychologist, master's level social worker, marriage and family therapist (MFT), or licensed professional counselor (LPC) including those with in-training certifications (LPC-IT, MFT-IT certifications) with knowledge of substance use who are practicing within their scope of their education, training, and experience.
3. Professions identified in [Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 61.06](#) and people who have been granted a waiver by the Department of Health Services must submit verification of training and/or education that meets the categories and hours listed below.
 - a. 6 hours of interviewing skills
 - b. 6 hours of evidence-based counseling techniques
 - c. 6 hours of case management
 - d. 6 hours of substance use disorders
 - e. 6 hours professional responsibilities/ethics
 - f. 3 hours trauma-informed care

- g. 3 hours of cultural competence

Apply to enroll in the IDP-AT

People who believe they meet the criteria for the IDP-AT and who have a sponsoring agency per [Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 62.05\(3\)\(a\)](#) may apply for the IDP-AT on the [DHS website](#).

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