

# Guide to Available Courses for DEA Required Training

This is a starter list of courses that count towards the one-time DEA 8 hour requirement for training on opioid use disorder or other substance use disorders. According to SAMHSA, “the 8 hours of training can occur through classroom situations, seminars at professional society meetings, virtual platforms, or via other accredited continuing education sources.” Furthermore, “the 8 hours do not have to be completed in one session and can be satisfied through cumulative CME hours, as long as the training is provided by or approved by one of the following organizations.”

The American Society of Addiction Medicine	The American Medical Association
The American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry	The American Osteopathic Association
The American Dental Association	The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
The American Psychiatric Association	The American Association of Nurse Practitioners
The American Nurses Credentialing Center	The American Academy of Physician Associates
Any organization accredited by the American Osteopathic Association to provide CME.	Any organization approved by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR)
Any other organization accredited by the ACCME, or the CCEPR	Any organization accredited by a State medical society accreditor recognized by ACCME or CCEPR

Providers can also check with any professional organizations or medical journals they are subscribed to, as they may offer free CME to members. It is the provider’s (DEA registrant) responsibility to ensure the education they select is qualified as described above. The following education offerings are available free of charge.

1. PCSS [Training Courses Archive - Providers Clinical Support System \(pcssnow.org\)](https://pcssnow.org) You can easily filter by CME, target audience, topic, etc. to select courses. (various credits, over 23 courses available) and PCSS [8 Hour Online Buprenorphine Training \(sudtraining.org\)](https://sudtraining.org) (8 hours)
2. Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) [Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Training for DEA Registered Clinicians](#) (various credits)
3. CDC [Training Modules | Opioids | CDC](#) (various credits)
4. Medscape [CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain — United States, 2022 \(medscape.org\)](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/944444) (4.25 hours)
5. National Institute on Drug Abuse: Stigma CMEs
  - a. [Words Matter - Terms to Use and Avoid When Talking About Addiction: A CME/CE Activity | National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\) \(nih.gov\)](#) (0.75 hour)
  - b. [Your Words Matter – Language Showing Compassion and Care for Women, Infants, Families, and Communities Impacted by Substance Use Disorder: A CME/CE Activity | National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\) \(nih.gov\)](#) (0.75 hour)
6. myCME [Free Online CME & CE for Physicians, NPs, PAs and more | myCME](#)
  - a. [A Case of Chronic Pain and Opioid Use Disorder | myCME](#) (0.50 hour)
7. Pri-med [Online CME | Continuing Medical Education | Pri-Med](#) (various credits)
  - a. [The Neurobiology of Addictions in 2023](#) (1 hour)
  - b. [Opioid Use Disorder: Approaches to Diagnosis and Treatment](#) (0.5 hour)