

SUBSTANCE USE EDUCATION & TRAINING

at the BC Centre on Substance Use

A limited number of health care providers in Canada are trained in substance use, making it difficult for patients to access much-needed substance use treatment and to implement effective, evidence-based responses to substance use disorders and related harms. The BC Centre on Substance Use has developed several educational resources and programs to respond to this training gap.

[ADDICTION CARE AND TREATMENT ONLINE CERTIFICATE \(ACTOC\)](#)

This free, self-paced, CME accredited course provides an online-based education curriculum to train health care providers to diagnose and treat patients with substance use disorders using evidence-based treatments along a continuum of care. ACTOC covers various substance use disorders, including alcohol, tobacco, stimulants, cannabis, and opioids. Although this course is targeted towards health care providers, it is open to the general public. Anyone interested in learning about substance use disorders is encouraged to register for this course.

[PROVINCIAL OPIOID ADDICTION TREATMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM \(POATSP\)](#)

This program is geared towards opioid agonist treatment prescribers, including both physicians and nurse practitioners, however, all health care providers (e.g., nurses, pharmacists, social worker, counsellors, etc.) can benefit from the online education modules. Completing this course is the first step in the authorization process for those wishing to prescribe opioid agonist treatments (OAT) for the treatment of opioid use disorder. The full program will take learners 8-10 hours to complete and is free and CME accredited. Learners may also choose to take the buprenorphine/naloxone stream which takes 4-6 hours to complete. This course must be completed before methadone prescription pads can be issued to new OAT prescribers.

[ENHANCED SKILLS](#)

Offered in partnership with the University of British Columbia (UBC) Family Medicine Enhanced Skills Program (Category 2) this 3-6 month program is for primary care providers currently in practice to improve their knowledge and skills in the area of addiction medicine. The program provides hands-on clinical learning opportunities across the range of inpatient and outpatient addiction medicine venues. A customized curriculum can be developed to support individual learners needs.

[FLEXIBLE AND ENHANCED LEARNING \(FLEX\)](#)

The BCCSU FLEX projects are open to current medical students enrolled at UBC as a part of their Flexible and Enhanced Learning (FLEX) curriculum. They have been designed for highly motivated students who are interested in potentially pursuing a career in addiction medicine and/or epidemiology research. The FLEX Project is open to students at any site but must be completed onsite at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver.

[INTERDISCIPLINARY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM](#)

The BCCSU Fellowship programs are multidisciplinary and strive for excellence in clinical training, scholarship, research, and advocacy and includes specialty training in inpatient and outpatient addiction management, as well as related concurrent disorders training. It prepares Fellows to work as experts in the field of substance use and take leadership roles in clinical, academic, and/or research settings.

[BC ECHO ON SUBSTANCE USE](#)

The BC ECHO on Substance Use (Opioid Use Disorder) supports primary care providers in BC and Yukon Territory to build capacity in the clinical management of OUD in their practice. ECHO links providers using an interactive, web-based platform to a core interdisciplinary team with expertise in managing OUD. Free and CME accredited (Mainpro+ and MOC Section 1).

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