

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROFESSIONALS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION

Can I receive education hours for attendance at New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women's meetings/forums?

You can earn a limit of 10 DVS education hours by attendance at meetings/forums for application towards your DVS initial certification. At the conclusion of the meeting/forum, complete the verification of attendance form and present it to the Coalition staff member for signature. You can be approved for one DVS education hour for the meeting/forum. You are permitted to select the DVS core curriculum area to apply the training.

If I have a degree or other licensure will my credits transfer?

Some of your credits may transfer, but you will still need additional training and/or experience that is specific to the field of domestic violence. If you believe your credits are eligible, you must provide a copy of your transcript to verify class attendance as well as a timed course outline or syllabus. You may use current a syllabus if the course title is the same.

Can I count webinars or online courses?

Ten percent (or 17 hours) of education credit needs can be counted from attending webinars or teleconferences. Although we maintain the best learning environment continues to be an interpersonal experience, we acknowledge that webinars and teleconferences are an important way to disseminate information. Attendance verification must be demonstrated, this can be done via the training facilitator such as an email verifying attendance or a letter of verification signed by your supervisor. Keep in mind the course content must still fit in the Core Curriculum Areas.

How do I know what topic area my training fits?

If you have a question about the appropriate categories in which training will apply, you may use the Core Curriculum Definitions below or call/email 609-584-8107/ njadvp@njcbw.org. You may be required to provide a class outline or descriptions for topic area credits to be assigned properly.

Description of Core Curriculum Areas

The description of each Core Curriculum Area may be utilized to determine how to apply earned education hours. Keep these pages for easy reference.

Fundamental of Domestic Violence (42 Hours)

Basic DV Knowledge 12 hours

Historical perspective, theoretical perspectives, dynamics of domestic violence, characteristics of family; impact on women, men, children.

Substance Abuse 9 hours

Recognition, assessment intervention; accessing treatment and coordination with domestic violence programs. Similarities and differences between domestic violence and substance abuse.

Mental Health 9 hours

Normal response to trauma, psychiatric disorder, suicide, homicide, lethality.

Sexual Abuse 12 hours

Rape, marital rape, date rape, acquaintance rape, incest, sexual abuse of adults and children.

Legal (12 Hours)

Historical perspective, current domestic violence laws, enforcement, police response, courts: judicial response, court preparation, advocacy.

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Core Curriculum continued:

Professional Development (18 Hours)

Values & Attitudes 9 hours

Understanding personal beliefs and value systems regarding violence and prejudices.

Confidentiality/Counseling Ethics 9 hours

Reasons for, requirement, legalities and implications for record keeping and information sharing.

Cultural Oppression/Intersectionality (33 Hours)

Race and Culture 12 hours

The impact of racism, oppression, ethnicity and culture on service delivery.

Diversity (previously Special Populations) 9 hours

Battered men; elder abuse; immigrants; sibling violence; parent abuse; religious perspectives; teen dating violence; GLBTQ, disabled; trafficked victims; incarcerated victims.

Gender Issues and Empowerment 12 hours

Historical perspective, exploration of roles, expectations in relationships, changing families and imbalances of power; economic factors.

Prevention (29 Hours)

Prevention 12 hours

Primary, secondary, tertiary models of prevention.

Restructuring Toward a Non-Violent Family 6 hours

Reward, punishment, nurturance, limits, maintaining a proper balance used in a family structure.

Community Resources 5 hours

Developing techniques for networking and accessing state/local resources on behalf of victims, batterers and families.

Organizing for Change (previously Community Organization) 6 hours

Heightened awareness of violence, exploration of indigenous response systems, institutional intervention models, social welfare policies and political advocacy work.

Intervention (36 Hours)

Intervention Skills 24 hours

Individual counseling, family counseling, crisis intervention, hotline, intake, evaluation, assessment, treatment planning, case management.

Group Dynamics (previously Group Counseling Skills) 12 hours

Group dynamics, process, techniques, and intervention models. Ways to facilitate and guide a group in an educational format such as training as well as therapeutic models.