

Final Steps: Course Exam, Evaluations, and Certification



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UMass TTS Training Final Steps: Exam & Evaluations



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Online Course Exam

- ▶ If you completed all of Part 1 and attended all of Part 2, you will receive an email explaining how to take the exam
- ▶ If you have not completed Part 1, please notify us when you have done so.
- ▶ To review the Part 1 material, log into your Cloud CME account. Click on “My CME”, “Tests”, and “Show Completed Tests”
- ▶ Review a module by clicking on “Launch Course.”

The exam includes material from both part 1 and part 2

Online Course Exam

- ▶ You can download the Part 1 slides from the Members Only site on our webpage. To do this go to www.umassmed.edu/tobacco
 - Username: ctttrt@umassmed.edu
 - Password: Quitting@12 (this is case sensitive)

Online Course Exam

- ▶ Study questions from Part 1 are available in the appendix of your manual
- ▶ Closed book test with 100 multiple choice questions. Includes Part 2 material as well.
- ▶ Please complete the test independently (no group work)
- ▶ Exam must be completed within 4 weeks from today to receive certificate of attendance. The exam needs to be completed in one sitting.
- ▶ Please contact cttrt@umassmed.edu for accommodation requests



No books or resources should be used during the exam, and the exam must be taken independently.

Our exam is similar to the AHA/ATTUD national certification exam and is good preparation for it

Online Course Exam

- ▶ You will receive your test score immediately under “show completed tests”, “test results”
- ▶ If you do not score at least 75%, you are encouraged to retake the exam after reviewing the material
- ▶ You are encouraged to join ATTUD (described later in these slides) and use their study guide to prepare for the national certification exams

The national certification exams require a score of at least 75 to pass

- Upon successful completion of the training participants may use the term tobacco treatment specialist as a title but **not** as a credential for example:

Joan Doe, RN

Tobacco Treatment Specialist

Course Evaluation



- ▶ We want to hear your opinions! We use your feedback to improve our program.
- ▶ After your training you will receive an email with a link to a SurveyMonkey evaluation. Please help us by completing the survey.

Thanks!



Certification

Once you have completed the TTS Training and passed the online exam you may want to apply for TTS Certification

There are currently two national certifications available:



American Heart Association®
Certified Professional
Tobacco Treatment

NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals



NCNTT

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After passing the TTS exam you may want to apply for national certification. There are two organizations offering certification: the American Heart Association and NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals. While there are a few differences in the eligibility requirements and costs, both require an exam that covers the TTS Core Competencies that are described in Part 1 of our training. Each trainee should discuss with their employer before pursuing either of the national certifications. Each has its own exam, requirements, and fees.

TTS Part Two – Closing



American Heart Association.
Certified Professional
Tobacco Treatment





Certified Professional by the American Heart Association – Tobacco Treatment

National Certification for Tobacco Treatment Specialists

The American Heart Association (AHA) is collaborating with the Association for the Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence (ATTUD) to improve tobacco treatment efforts and to launch the Certified Professional by the American Heart Association – Tobacco Treatment



The American Heart Association offers certification as a “Certified Professional in Tobacco Treatment, with the Association for Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence.

 <p>A non-profit, multi-disciplinary organization of professionals dedicated to supporting the efforts of those providing clinical tobacco dependence services and increasing access to evidence-based treatments</p> <p>ATTUD achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards of Practice for Tobacco Treatment Specialists • Our unique and active Listserv for peer education and support • Council for Tobacco Treatment Training Programs • National Certification for Tobacco Treatment Specialists <p>www.attud.org</p>	 <p>A global leader in fighting heart disease and stroke and helping families and communities thrive</p> <p>Tobacco research agenda includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication strategies for changing views about tobacco use in minority and vulnerable populations • Tobacco-related biomarkers of cardiovascular injury and disease risk • Toxicity of chemicals and flavor compounds in electronic cigarettes • Measure the health effects of tobacco exposure <p>www.heart.org</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Certified Professional by the American Heart Association – Tobacco Treatment</p>
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This is a collaboration between ATTUD, an international organization for tobacco treatment specialists, and the American Heart Association, a global leader in fighting heart disease and stroke.

Goals



Ensure a rigorous process for certifying tobacco treatment professionals



Promote national standards for intensive, evidence-based treatment



Establish professional recognition and credibility to tobacco treatment as a specialty in clinical, academic, and research settings

The goals for certification are to ensure a rigorous process for certifying tobacco treatment professionals, to promote national standards for evidence-based treatment, and to recognize professionals who meet the eligibility requirements.



Eligibility requirements include having an associates degree or higher, completion of an accredited TTS program like this one, and passing an exam. Certification can be renewed every 3 years.



American Heart Association.
Certified Professional
Tobacco Treatment

Pricing

Certified Professional by the American Heart Association – Tobacco Treatment

Initial Fee: \$400

Limited time introductory offer of \$300 until April 2024 for those meeting additional requirements (available during the registration process)

Renewal Fee (every 3 years):

- *Maintenance with CE: \$200*
- *Exam Retake: \$400*

Upon completion of program requirement and passing the exam, professionals will be provided a certification award, branding guidelines, and digital seal to display.

Certified Professional by the American Heart Association – Tobacco Treatment

The fee for this certification is \$400, including the exam costs.
The renewal is due every 3 years and will cost \$200 with continuing education credits.
(Earn and submit 20 continuing education hours before expiration of the certification.)



Other ATTUD Initiatives

TTS Refresher Course	Prepare for the certification exam, or catch up on the latest advances in tobacco treatment (<i>coming early 2024!</i>)
TTS Payor Reform	ATTUD is working with CMMS / CMMI, DHHS, and the White House
ATTUD Journal	Primarily a resource for clinicians
CE Programs	Approved for Certification Renewal; Additional approvals possible for other professions
Volunteer	<i>Make a difference!</i> Contribute your time and expertise to an ATTUD working committee
Members Meetings	Presentations by national experts, updates on ATTUD organizational business, other activities

Other ATTUD Initiatives

**Most offerings will be discounted or free to ATTUD members*



This slide describes other ATTUD initiatives. Please feel free to reach out to us with questions.



Questions

FAQs & Other Program Resources – heart.org/tobaccotreatment

ATTUD Listserv – Post Questions *for members only*

Professional Education Hub Help

Customer Service: 877-340-9899

Email: intelligo.help@intelligohub.org

If you have questions regarding the certification, please visit this website or email us.

NAADAC – National Certification in Nicotine and Tobacco Treatment (NCNTT)



- NCNTT is the certification offered by the National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals (NCC AP) under the auspices of NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals.

The second certification option for tobacco treatment specialists is the National Certification in Nicotine and Tobacco Treatment or NCNTT.
The NCNTT is offered by NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals.



- **NCNTT Requirements include:**
 - High School diploma, GED, or higher
 - Completion of a CTTTP–accredited TTS training program
 - Passing grade on the NCNTT exam
 - If you have earned the NCTTP (see next slide) you can submit your passing exam score instead when applying for the NCNTT

Completion of an accredited TTS training program like this one

NAADAC – National Certification in Nicotine and Tobacco Treatment (NCNTT)

- Costs:
 - Application fee is \$235.00 plus testing fee (\$150)
 - Certification is good for 2 years
 - Renewal: every 2 years; \$200 with 26 tobacco/nicotine education CEUs
- Please see <https://www.naadac.org/ncntt> for current information. Of note, practice hours are not required.

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The certification can be renewed every 2 years at a cost of \$200 plus 26 continuing education credits

Please visit the website noted on the slide for more information.

Association for the Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence (ATTUD)



- ▶ Free 6-month membership to ATTUD
- ▶ Keep up to date on treatment news and certification
- ▶ To join:
 - Go to www.attud.org
 - Complete membership application
 - When you see the payment information: use promo code “UMASSMED” to active trial membership.



Finally, as participants in this training program you can access a free 6 month membership in ATTUD. Please see the slide for more information.

On behalf of everyone at the UMass
Center for Tobacco Treatment Research
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Thank you for choosing our training!

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