

National Certificate in Tobacco Treatment Practice

Frequently Asked Questions

The MaineHealth Center for Tobacco Independence (CTI) Tobacco Treatment Education and Training Program is a nationally accredited provider of the core training requirements necessary to apply for a National Certificate in Tobacco Treatment Practice (NCTTP). This document provides answers to frequently asked questions about the NCTTP.

Who can pursue the National Certificate in Tobacco Treatment Practice?

There are several eligibility criteria an individual must meet when pursuing the NCTTP. Individuals must:

- Provide documentation of education and work experience,
- Provide a certificate of successful completion of a Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training Program that is accredited by the Council for Tobacco Treatment Training Programs,
- Provide documentation of 240 hours of tobacco treatment practice experience,
- Pass the NCTTP examination within one year of application approval.



Eligibility requirements are developed and managed by NAADAC. For an application and more information, visit <https://www.naadac.org/ncttp>.

Where can I register for the required trainings the MaineHealth Center for Tobacco Independence offers?

CTI provides a NCTTP Training Pathway, you can register for CTI trainings at <https://ctimaine.org/education-training/>. Training schedules change updated annually. For training specific questions, contact tobaccotrng@mainehealth.org.

What kind of work counts toward the required 240 hours of post-Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) training?

Any tobacco treatment practice experiences that fall within the scope of the 11 Core Competencies developed by ATTUD can be counted. Please review the [application \(page 9\)](#) for a list of the competencies. A supervisor must sign off practice hours as a part of the application. Additionally, there is no required distribution of hours across these competencies, and all competencies are not required to be represented in the total 240 hours of post-TTS training. Learn more at <https://www.naadac.org/NCTTP>.

Do practice hours have to be done with a certified individual?

Practice hours do not need to be completed or signed off on by a certified individual. Per the NCTTP application: *A colleague or supervisor must attest to the fact that you have completed these post-training practice hours and that you have performed responsibly and ethically.*



Once nationally certified, are CEUs required to keep the certificate up? Does the certification need to be renewed? If so, how often?

This is a one-time certificate that provides national recognition of your training and experience. It does not require renewal. You are encouraged to monitor the NAADAC website for information, announcements, and next steps as the certification evolves.

Are there study materials available for the exam?

We recommend utilizing the exam bibliography on the NAADAC website: [https://www.naadac.org/assets/2416/ncttp-exam-bibliography\(2019\).pdf](https://www.naadac.org/assets/2416/ncttp-exam-bibliography(2019).pdf). The presentations and supplemental materials from the CTI Basic Skills Training, Intensive Skills Training, and Tobacco Treatment and Prevention Conference will also be helpful to review as you study. For specific exam questions, please follow up with [NAADAC](#).

Additional questions?

Reach out to TobaccoTrng@MaineHealth.org or visit CTIMaine.org for additional information, including tobacco treatment resources and the NCTTP Training Pathway.

