

We are very pleased to announce that the new MAP Curriculum, *Responsibilities in Action (RIA)*, is now available. This curriculum has been piloted by 10 MAP Preceptors and adapted based on their input. Candidates who were trained using the pilot curriculum were tracked through the testing process and performed quite well. There is only one manual to be used by both the Trainer and the students. The new curriculum will not affect testing and there are no changes to the testing process. All items on the test have been reviewed and changed if necessary to make them "curriculum neutral" in their language. We think you will really like it.

The 'Responsibilities in Action Overview' (RIA) webinar which reviews the key elements of the new curriculum, the RIA training curriculum, a corresponding training PowerPoint, along with other adjunct training materials and a study guide is available now for download at no cost at:

<https://shriver.umassmed.edu/programs/cdder/dds-webinars>. There will also be a link posted on the D&S Massachusetts web page to the materials. The webinar is a required viewing for all MAP Trainers for 2017. MAP Trainers will have 8 weeks to view it in order to receive credit.

The RIA curriculum training materials will also be posted online at www.mass.gov/dph/map in the very near future. It will be located under "MAP Training Tools."

Please feel free to start using the new curriculum (RIA) immediately. AMRW materials can be used through June 30, 2019. All MAP Trainers must transition to the new curriculum by July 1, 2019. We will be tracking the transition through the D&S MAP testing program by adding a question about which curriculum was used to the training information portion of the candidate record. We ask that MAP Preceptors wait to do any further precepting until after they have transitioned to the new curriculum. Starting in September, Train the Trainer (TTT) sessions will be introducing the new curriculum, RIA.

****ATTENTION****

You may have recently received a postcard in the mail announcing new online CC&R AMRW training materials from D&S and CC&R. **Please be aware that those tools only apply to the outgoing AMRW MAP Curriculum and do not replace the MAP requirements for 16 hours of classroom training.** Please do not confuse these materials with the new curriculum.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me or your DDS or DMH MAP Coordinator.

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