

Adapting evidence-based addiction teaching to your medical school curriculum: an optimal role for family medicine

- Why
 - o Addiction affects tens of millions of Americans, 36% of primary care patients per year
 - o There's an education, training, and accountability gap on addiction care
 - Teachers of Family Medicine are well positioned to teach the advanced skills required for effective addiction care

Designing an addiction curriculum program at your institution

Components, examples		Applied at your institution
The What		
•	Biopsychosocial models/theories of	
	addiction	
•	Social and structural determinants of	
	treatment success	
•	Effective screening and accurate diagnosis	
•	Pharmacology, medication-assisted treatment (MAT)	
•	High-quality counseling skills (CBT, MI)	
•	Interdisciplinary and interprofessional	
	collaboration skills	
The How (emphasis on adult learning styles)		
•	Discussion	
•	Interprofessional instruction (e.g., psychoeducation)	
	Live (telehealth) and recorded interviews	
•	Role play	
•	Flipped classrooms	
•	Think-pair-share, comparison, summary	
•	Case-based collaborative learning	
•	Standardized patients	
•	Immersive learning environments	
•	Patients as teachers	

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Barriers • Faculty time • Curricular priorities • Program cost • Learner level • Site-specific	
Solutions	

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