

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 Hey (emphasis on adult learning styles)	
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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