



## Opportunities for Continuing Education for Human Service Professionals

### Purpose

The Center for Continuous Learning (CCL) provides developmental opportunities throughout the year. We understand, however, that the CCL program cannot meet all the training needs of all DHHS staff members, so we have compiled a list of organizations which provide continuing education programs. These organizations provide the following services:

- Free Courses
- Web-Based Courses
- Classroom Courses
- Continuing Education Credits

These classes may be available locally, nationally or on the World Wide Web. Many provide training free or at a reasonable cost, and they provide Continuing Education credits approved by MBSWE, NBCC, NASW, ANA, CME and other boards.

### Additional Information

Always confirm that the organization is “an approved provider of continuing education” by the appropriate credentialing board for your profession. Approved sponsors are required to post this on the website.

Technical difficulties should be addressed to that particular organization’s customer service/technical support contact.

As with all training outside the County programs, it is your responsibility to maintain a record of your training. The Office of Human Resources cannot maintain these records.

### Questions

If you have questions using this guide, please contact the CCL Program Manager at [michaela.johnson@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:michaela.johnson@montgomerycountymd.gov) or 240-777-5063.

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## Directory of Continuing Education Providers

Below is a list of all the providers included in this document. Each listing includes a [link to the website](#), and a **short description** of programs offered.

**Training format, CEUs provided, and cost information** are provided below and in a box near the description.

Provider	Format			CEUs approved by	Cost
	Online	Instructor-led	Other		
Alzheimer's Association Professional Training		☐		MBSWE	Small fee
Association for Advanced Training in the Behavioral Sciences (AATBS)	☐	☐		APA, ASWB, NBCC, others	Varies
Association of Social Work Boards	☐	☐			Varies
Catholic University – National Catholic School of Social Service		☐			Varies
CE You!		☐		MBSWE	\$99/6 CEUs
Center for Deployment Psychology	☐	☐			\$75-\$95 for one-week training; Free online with fee for CE credit
Financial Psychology Continuing Education	☐			NBCC, APA, NASW, NAADAC	\$30/3-hour course
Hospice Foundation of America	☐			ASWB, NBCC, NASW, NAADAC, ANCC, others	\$30-\$45
i-Counseling	☐			NBCC	Free/Fee for CE credit
Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) Training Institute		☐		MBSWE, NBCC	\$65/3-hour workshop
John Hopkins School of Public Health Emergency Preparedness	☐	☐		None	Free
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine's CME Program	☐	☐	☐	OCME, AMA	Varies
Learning Center for Child and Adolescent Trauma	☐			NASW	Free
Maryland Network against Domestic Violence		☐		MBSWE	Free/Varies
Mental Health Association of Montgomery County (MHA)		☐		APA, MBSWE, NBCC	Varies
Mid-Atlantic Public Health Training Center (MAPHTC)	☐	☐		None	Varies
Montgomery Hospice		☐		MBSWE	Some free
National Association of Social Workers, Maryland Chapter	☐	☐		NASW	Varies
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)—Professional Education Training Center	☐			NASW	NASW members: Free or discounted
National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC)—Continuing Education Provider Search	☐	☐		NBCC	Varies
National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN)	☐				
Premier Education Solutions (PESI)	☐		☐	ASWB, ANCC, APA, NBCC, NAADAC, AOTA, others	Discounts available

Relias Academy	☐		NBCC, ANCC, ACA, APA, others	Reasonable
Ruth H. Young Center for Families and Children		☐	MBSWE	Free
Think Cultural Health	☐		NASW, AMA, others	Free
TLC—The Treatment and Learning Center	☐	☐	MBSWE	\$32-\$38
The Training Center		☐	MBSWE, NBCC	Reasonable
University of Maryland School of Social Work	☐	☐	MBSWE	Varies

## Alzheimer's Association: Professional Training

**Format:** Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** MBSWE  
**Cost:** Small fee

Training and education programs are geared to professionals working in both community-based and residential care settings. Activity professionals, administrators, **nurses, occupational therapists, physical therapists, social workers** and staff trainers find value in these programs and meetings. Social Work CEUs are offered at many of the programs.

Link: [http://www.alz.org/maryland/in\\_my\\_community\\_professionals.asp](http://www.alz.org/maryland/in_my_community_professionals.asp)

## Association for Advanced Training in the Behavioral Sciences (AATBS)

**Format:** Online,  
Speakers' Bureau  
**CEUs:** APA, ASWB,  
NBCC, others  
**Cost:** Varies

The Association for Advanced Training in the Behavioral Sciences (AATBS) **offers free online Strategies Workshops and online exam preparation** as well as a wide array of professional certification courses. The AATBS seeks to enhance the skills of mental health professionals – **psychologists, social workers, counselors, marriage and family therapists and nurses** -- through highly effective education on content and conceptual knowledge relevant to their professions. AATBS specializes in **preparation for mental health licensure** examinations and **continuing education**, and periodically offers discounts on CE courses.

Link: <http://www.aatbs.com/>

## Association of Social Work Boards

**Format:** Online,  
Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** ASWB  
**Cost:** Varies

The ASWB Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program identifies and recognizes high-quality continuing education providers that can deliver quality programs in many topics, through **in-person or distance learning settings**. Topics include: Individuals, Couples, Families, and Children; Professional Relationships; Values and Ethics; Human Development, Diversity and Behavior in the Environment; Communities and Groups; Public Administration and Policy; and Practice Administration.

Link: <http://www.aswb.org/ace/>

## Catholic University—National Catholic School of Social Service

**Format:** Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** Social work CEUs  
**Cost:** Varies

CUA provides a Continuing Education Program throughout the year. Topics range from Health and Mental Health, Aging, Children, Youth and Families, and Community Organizing. The catalog of classes is available on-line.

Link: <http://ncsss.cua.edu/ce/default.cfm>

## CE You!

**Format:** Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** MBSWE  
**Cost:** Two trainings  
equals full seminar  
(6 CEUs) for \$99

**CE You! conducts one-day seminars on a regular basis throughout the year. CE You! is an approved sponsor of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners for continuing education credits (CEs) for licensed social workers in Maryland. These credits are also accepted by many other professions and boards in the area. You can also sign up for email announcements.**

Link: <http://ceyou.org/>

## Center for Deployment Psychology

**Format:** On-line,  
Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** Varies  
**Cost:** On-line classes  
are Free/Fee for CE  
credit

CDP trains military and civilian behavioral health professionals to provide high-quality **deployment related behavioral health services to military personnel and their families**. Addressing the Psychological Health of Warriors and Their Families is a one-week course offered eight times per year throughout the country. Cost is \$75-\$95 for the week with more than 30 CEUs available depending on the sessions attended. On-line training modules granting CE credits are also available through Relias Academy at a very reasonable cost. To access on-line courses quickly, click this link: <http://deploymentpsych.org/online-courses>

Link: <http://deploymentpsych.org/>

## Financial Psychology Continuing Education

**Format:** On-line  
**CEUs:** NBCC, APA,  
NASW, NAADAC  
**Cost:** \$30/3-hour  
course

FinancialPsychologyCEs.com website offers a unique **online continuing education opportunity** for “a professional development experience and in turn allow [mental health professionals] to better serve their clients around money-related issues and struggles in the clinical setting.” The aim is to develop and offer the most **comprehensive catalogue of money-related continuing education courses** available. Courses include “Gambling Addiction” and “Compulsive Buying,” and address topics such as “Understanding Your Client’s Relationship to Money,” “Materialism,” and “Money, Mental Health & Financial Psychology.”

Link: <http://www.financialpsychologyCEUs.com>

## Hospice Foundation of America

**Format:** On-line  
**CEUs:** ASWB, NBCC,  
NASW, NAADAC,  
ANCC, others  
**Cost:** Approximately  
\$30-\$45

Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) meets its mission by providing programs for professional development, public education and information; funding research; producing publications; and providing information on issues related to hospice and end-of-life care. Programs for healthcare professionals are designed to improve care of those with terminal illness and those experiencing the process of grief, and are offered on a national basis.

HFA’s educational programs are approved for continuing education credits by a number of professional boards and are available for **case managers, clergy, counselors, funeral directors, health care**

**professionals, nurses, nursing home administrators, physicians, psychologists, social workers, and more**. Offerings include DVD or online self-study and webinars.

Link: <http://hospicefoundation.org/Professionals/All-Programs>

## i-Counseling

**Format:** On-line  
**CEUs:** NBCC  
**Cost:** Free/Fee for CE  
credit

The interactive website **i-counseling** was the vision of the Center for Credentialing and Education (CCE), an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC). The website offers **free articles regarding state licensing and professional development to counselors and other mental health professionals**. In addition, all courses and examinations are online and there is no deadline for completion. To receive formal verification of class completion, users can purchase the optional online examination and retake the exam as many times as needed to pass. Successful completion of

examinations allows users to print a certificate of completion.

Link: <http://www.i-counseling.net>

## Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) Training Institute

**Format:** Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** MBSWE, NBCC  
**Cost:** \$65/3-hour workshop

JSSA's Training Institute offers **mental health professionals, other health professionals** and educators in the community access to its monthly 3-hour in-house Category 1 staff CE training sessions. Also included are post-graduate courses, Core of Knowledge workshops for child care providers, and an annual symposium on a variety of topics related to children, adolescents, adults and seniors.

**Link:** <http://www.jssa.org/traininginstitute>

## John Hopkins School of Public Health Emergency Preparedness

**Format:** On-line,  
Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** None  
**Cost:** Free

In working to **enhance public health system competency, capacity and public health workers' willingness to effectively respond to emergencies**, the Johns Hopkins Center for Public Health Preparedness (JHCHP) supports both training and research efforts in these areas. The Johns Hopkins Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center (JH-PERLC) has developed a variety of training and academic opportunities that cover topics such as: **Agriculture, Food and Water; Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Terror; Infectious Disease and Vaccines; Legal Issues; Mental Health Preparedness; and General Public Health Preparedness.** Speakers are also available to provide in-house training to staff.

**Link:** <http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-public-health-preparedness/training/>

## Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine's CME Program

**Format:** Conferences, workshops, hands-on skill training; online and other innovative and interactive formats  
**CEUs:** OCME, AMA  
**Cost:** Varies

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine's CME Program consists of educational activities, which serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills and professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public or the profession; and it includes **primary care, specialty and subspecialty topics in the fields of medicine.** The content of CME is the body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession as within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of clinical medicine, and the provision of health care to the public.

**Link:** <http://www.hopkinscme.edu/default.aspx>

## Learning Center for Child and Adolescent Trauma

**Format:** On-line  
**CEUs:** NASW  
**Cost:** Free

The Learning Center provides free access to experts from NCTSN (National Child Trauma Stress Network), and up-to-date, science-based information in the areas of assessment, treatment and services, training, research and evaluation, and organizational and systems change for **traumatized children, adolescents, and their families.**

**Link:** <http://learn.nctsn.org/course/index.php?categoryid=3>

## Maryland Network against Domestic Violence

**Format:** Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** MBSWE  
**Cost:** Free/Varies

As Maryland's state coalition, the Network works together with local domestic violence programs as well as criminal justice and law enforcement personnel, legal advocates, health care and social service providers, and others to promote a coordinated community response to end domestic violence. They publish a state-wide training calendar periodically; some programs provide CEs, and are either free or charge a small fee.

**Link:** <http://mnadv.org/events/statewide-calendar/>

## Mental Health Association of Montgomery County (MHA)

**Format:** Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** APA, MBSWE,  
NBCC  
**Cost:** Varies

This website lists **continuing education seminars and workshops** MHA is offering and/or co-sponsoring. For more details about specific events, e-mail: [info@mhamc.org](mailto:info@mhamc.org), or put your name on their **mailing list**.

**Link:** <http://www.mhamc.org/html/index.html>

## Mid-Atlantic Public Health Training Center (MAPHTC)

**Format:** Online,  
Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** None  
**Cost:** Varies

MAPHTC, which was established in 2001 and is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is a collaborative project of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. **The mission of the MAPHTC is to develop the existing public health workforce as a foundation for improving the infrastructure of the public health system** and to help achieve the objectives of **Healthy People 2010** in Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C. The site includes a **schedule of classroom training and web-based presentations and grand rounds**. You can also view past programs and grand rounds from the site.

**Link:** <http://www.jhsph.edu/maphtc>

## Montgomery Hospice

**Format:** Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** MBSWE  
**Cost:** Some are free

Montgomery Hospice is a nonprofit hospice serving residents of Montgomery County, Maryland. This website includes information for professionals working with patients with advanced or progressive illnesses. Two online previously recorded seminars are available at no charge; you can listen to the presenter and see her slides: "Hospice 101: What We Do and How We Help" and "Difficult Conversations: Strategies for Talking with Patients and Families." Several times a year, Montgomery

Hospice offers and presents continuing **professional educational opportunities for social workers**. For a list of upcoming events, click on the link below.

**Link:** <http://www.montgomeryhospice.org/education-and-resources/center-for-learning>

## National Association of Social Workers, Maryland Chapter

**Format:** Online,  
Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** NASW  
**Cost:** Varies

Here you will find a variety of alternative learning formats for your continuing education credits, including **self study programs and audio workshops** available for download; taped **video presentations**; and live **online seminars** (webinars/teleconference). Online course work will count as Category II, and 20 of the required 40 CE credits may be obtained online.

**Link:** <http://www.nasw-md.org/>

## National Association of Social Workers (NASW)—Professional Education Training Center

**Format:** Online  
**CEUs:** NASW  
**Cost:** Free or  
discounted for  
NASW members

This is a new online continuing education resource for social workers. Available at your convenience 24 hours a day, the Center offers NASW courses in a variety of formats—**webinars, webcasts, podcasts, and presentations**. Courses will continue to be added to the Center's initial offerings to cover numerous practice areas.

**Link:** <http://socialworkers.org/pdev/default.asp>



## National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)—Continuing Education Provider Search

**Format:** Instructor-led, online  
**CEUs:** NBCC  
**Cost:** Varies

NBCC has completely revamped its database of NBCC approved CE providers, and searching is now easier than ever before. You can search for a particular provider by number or you can get a list for any state. There is even a way to find only home-study providers.

**Link:** <http://www.nbcc.org/ACEPdirectory>

## National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN)

**Format:** Online  
**CEUs:** NASW, NBCC, APA, others  
**Cost:** Free

The mission of the NCTSN is to raise the standard of care and improve access to services for traumatized children, their families and communities throughout the United States. The online Learning Center provides free access to NCTSN experts and up-to-date, science-based information in the areas of assessment, treatment and services, training, research and evaluation, and organizational and systems change for traumatized children, adolescents, and their families.

Continuing education credits are available for many courses in this expanding online catalog that has been developed for **mental health professionals**, parents and caregivers, policymakers, and others who work with and care about children and adolescents.

**Link:** <http://learn.nctsn.org/course/index.php?categoryid=3>

## Premier Education Solutions (PESI)

**Format:** Live webinars, teleseminars, and video webcasts; DVD's, and on-demand seminars  
**CEUs:** ASWB, ANCC, APA, NBCC, AOTA, NAADAC, others  
**Cost:** Discounts available.

PESI HealthCare is a nationally recognized provider of high quality continuing education for **registered nurses, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, psychologists, dietitians, counselors, teachers and many others in the allied health care professions**. Seminars are designed by expert clinicians with the needs of professional adult learners in mind. Courses are entertaining and engaging while providing practical hands-on skills, strategies and interventions.

Offerings include training products for members of The American Academy of Bereavement, Dialectical Behavior Therapy Association, and International Association of Trauma Professionals.

**Link:** <http://www.pesi.com/>

## Relias Academy

**Format:** Online  
**CEUs:** NBCC, ANCC, ACA, APA, others  
**Cost:** Reasonable cost, subscription or class

Relias Academy is a comprehensive Continuing Education solution for professionals. The Academy provides online training programs in **senior care, health and human services, corrections and law enforcement, and intellectual and developmental disabilities**. Search by state and license to get a list of classes that meet your specific continuing education requirements.

**Link:** <https://academy.reliaslearning.com/>



## Ruth H. Young Center for Families and Children

**Format:** Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** MBSWE  
**Cost:** Free

This organization conducts research and evaluations that build knowledge concerning the prevention, assessment, and treatment of child abuse and neglect. This includes **the health and social problems** that challenge the safety, health, and well-being of children, families, and communities and the protective factors that promote strength and resilience.

The Center **provides free education and training** through a range of mechanisms:

**The Child Welfare Academy** develops, educates, trains, and supports Maryland's child welfare staff, supervisors, administrators and resource parents to provide family-centered, culturally-competent services to protect children from maltreatment, achieve permanency, and promote child well-being.

**Adult Services Training** is provided for staff in local departments of social services. A competency-based approach to training provides staff with awareness, knowledge, and skills required for performing role-related tasks.

Link: <http://www.family.umaryland.edu/>

## Think Cultural Health

**Format:** Online  
**CEUs:** NASW, AMA,  
others  
**Cost:** Free

Provided by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Minority Health, the goal of Think Cultural Health is to **Advance Health Equity at Every Point of Contact** through the development and promotion of culturally and linguistically appropriate services. Continuing education programs are designed to help individuals at all levels and in all disciplines promote health and health equity.

Although the program is primarily for health care professionals, the site recommends that **social workers, psychiatrists, and psychologists** consider the Cultural Competency Curriculum for Disaster Preparedness and Crisis Response program: **social workers** earn up to 9 contact hours from the National Association of Social Workers, **psychiatrists** earn up to 9 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™, and **psychologists** earn up to 9 CE credits.

Link: <https://www.thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov/Content/ContinuingEd.asp>

## TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers

**Format:** Instructor-led,  
online  
**CEUs:** MBSWE  
**Cost:** \$32-\$38

This is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1950 in Rockville, MD, that annually serves more than 2,200 children and adults with a wide range of special needs. The mission of TLC is to improve the lives and expand possibilities for these individuals through offering a family of services within one organization.

**Professional workshops** qualify for Continuing Education Credit with the Office of Child Care (OCC) (Provider #CKO-30975) and the Maryland Board of Examiners for Social Workers (Category 1 Training).

Link: <http://tllc.org/tlc-programs/workshops-events/>

## The Training Center

**Format:** Instructor-led  
**CEUs:** MBSWE, NBCC  
**Cost:** Very reasonable

The Training Center (TC), formerly the Mental Health Services Training Collaborative assists the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) in planning, organizing and implementing conferences and training activities to support the continued growth and development of the **public mental health system**. A sample of programs includes Behavioral Health Summit II, Annual Suicide Prevention Conference, Child and Adolescent Annual Conference, and Progressive Approaches to Serving Court-involved Individuals in the Community.

Link: <http://trainingcenter.umaryland.edu/Pages/default.aspx>

*Format:* Instructor-led,  
online  
*CEUs:* MBSWE  
*Cost:* Varies

The Office of Continuing Education is dedicated to providing lifelong learning of the highest quality to **social workers and human services professionals**. The **Course Catalog** is published twice a year. Courses are provided in Montgomery County, Baltimore County and Calvert County.

**Link:** <http://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/cpe/>

### **We need your feedback!**

Many organizations on this list were suggested by HHS staff. Please feel free to recommend other training organizations which could be added to this resource.

We cannot monitor these sites on a regular basis. If you come across anything that is problematic or you think we should be aware of, please do not hesitate to let us know.

If you use one of these resources, please give us your feedback on the content and, if on-line, usability.

### **Questions**

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