

## NYS Mandated Pain Management and Opioid Use Training

Prescribers licensed under Title Eight of the Education Law in New York to treat humans and who have a DEA registration number to prescribe controlled substances, must take at least three (3) hours of course work or training in pain management, palliative care, and addiction **every three years**. After completing the training, they are required to attest that the training is complete.

This recurring NYS requirement is separate from the ONE-TIME Federal requirement at time of DEA certification of 8 hours of training which prescribers must attest to completing when they renew their DEA.

- Please refer to the Opioid Task Force website (**requires VPN access – contact the helpdesk for support 585-275-3200**) for details on federal and state requirements:  
<https://sites.mc.rochester.edu/departments/opioid-taskforce/training-and-certification/>

For an overview of the mandatory prescriber education requirement of PHL § 3309-a(3), the attestation form, and Frequently Asked Questions, please visit the Department’s Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement website at:  
<https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic>, or call 1-866-811-7957.

Organizations like the NYS DOH or Joint Commission may audit our medical staff’s status at any time. To keep track of the URM medical staff meeting this requirement, Medical Staff Services (MSS) is collecting the confirmation of completion of both the training and the attestation.

URMC’s Opioid Task Force and SMH Leadership has assembled the following options for providers to satisfy their training and attestation responsibilities.

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Steps to meet the requirement:

1) Complete the 3 hours of education through one of these options:

**URMC recommended option:**

- URM created curriculum found by searching for “**Provider Pain Management NYS Training Renewal**” within [MyPath/Achieve](#). The curriculum as of September 2, 2020 includes all topics to fulfill the 3 hour requirement in pain management, prescribing, palliative medicine and end-of-life care.

Alternative ways to meet this requirement include:

- University At Buffalo: <https://pharmacy.buffalo.edu/academic-programs/continuing-education/events/opioid-prescriber-training.html> (4 hrs, free)
- Medical Society of the State of New York (*3 hrs, free to MSSNY members only, \$50 for others*):  
<https://www.mssny.org/pain-management-palliative-care-addiction-online-program-now-available/>
- [Boston University Scope of Pain](#) core curriculum (2 hrs): plus their [NYS supplemental training](#) (1 hr) (\$25 fee).

2) Submit an [online attestation](#) through the “Narcotic Education Attestation Tracker” (NEAT) in the NYS Health Commerce System (HCS) to officially be re-certified. A link and instructions on how to complete the form can be found within the MyPath curriculum or at the [NYS website](#).

3) Please submit your training (education) certificate to the Medical Staff Office at [medicalstaffoffice2@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:medicalstaffoffice2@urmc.rochester.edu).

- After completing the training, prescribers are required to attest that the training is complete in their personal NYS Health Commerce account and send evidence of the training to the Medical Staff Office – unless the training is completed through MyPath, in which an email notification to the Medical Staff Office is sufficient.
- The University of Rochester only requires prescribers to provide evidence of the training and attestation that is required by NYS (we do not need evidence of the one-time (8 hr) federal training requirement).