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Clinical Training Application Guide *updated 01.2024*

Please read this document in its entirety prior to beginning the application process.

Thank you for your interest in training with Midwest Access Project (MAP)! MAP is a nonprofit organization based in Chicago, IL. We work with students, nurses, residents and clinicians to coordinate reproductive health training rotations to meet individual professional goals. **MAP is not a health center or clinical site and does not provide any direct patient care**; we work with a [network of providers](#) to coordinate and provide training rotations to our trainees.

Applications must be submitted online by **5pm CST Friday, March 1, 2024**. All applicants will be notified by **Monday, April 1, 2024** about whether they have been selected for training.

If you miss the application deadline, we encourage you to apply during a later cycle. **Applications will not be accepted past the deadline.**

Important note about the legal status of abortion:

* The current climate for abortion care and training across the US is ever-changing. The Dobbs decision has an ongoing impact on our clinical partners and training opportunities. All scheduled dates and locations of MAP rotations are subject to change at any time prior to or during the rotation. Flexibility is greatly appreciated.

For learners outside the United States:

* As of 2023, Midwest Access Project has paused accepting applications for individual clinical training rotations from learners outside the US. MAP does not have the capacity to manage the complex credentialing processes for international learners traveling to the US. This has become even more clear to MAP as we navigate a historically high number of training requests amidst an increasingly hostile post-Dobbs landscape. MAP will post any changes to applicant eligibility on our Individual Clinical Training webpage.

Prior to submitting an application:

* If you can only participate in MAP's clinical training with the permission of your program, it is very important that you obtain that permission prior to submitting an online application or accepting a training slot. It is nearly impossible to fill your training slot with an alternate as the training nears.

* If you are a student or resident, you must find out if your program requires an affiliation agreement (also known as a Program Letter of Agreement or PLA). There is a space in the application for you to provide the name and contact information for the person at your institution responsible for these agreements. If your program does require an affiliation agreement, that will be coordinated after applicants have been accepted. Please do not contact MAP to initiate this process during the application cycle. Please note that MAP can only complete this step with the cooperation of your program.



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* MAP can only offer hands-on clinical training in procedures that fall within your healthcare profession's scope of practice as defined by the state law where you train.

MAP encourages applicants to refer to the professional scope of practice in the state where you hope to train or practice to learn which procedures you have the authority to practice. Some recommended resources are [Clinicians in Abortion Care](#), which offers scope of practice information, and the [Guttmacher Institute](#), which offers up-to-date state policies regarding abortion. Each applicant is responsible for knowing the scope of practice in the state where they intend to train.

* MAP trainees must have malpractice insurance to receive hands-on clinical training. If your institution will not extend coverage for your training, we encourage you to investigate your options before applying because the process can be time-consuming. We have found the [Academic Group](#) to be a great option for trainees.

Important notes about the application:

* The online clinical training application will require approximately one hour to complete. Please review your responses carefully; submission of multiple applications is not permitted.

* While MAP would love to offer training opportunities to every qualified applicant, this may not be possible due to capacity.

* The questions outlined in this application guide our selection process. We use them to make sure trainees' goals align with MAP's strategic direction to train a diverse array of anti-racist health care professionals who are highly motivated to provide comprehensive reproductive health care in their future practice to under-served patient populations, but who lack access to the clinical training to do so. The more detailed and specific you can be in answering these questions, the better.

Some application questions that you may want to consider in advance:

- *What is your primary interest or reason for seeking training with MAP? (1000 character limit)*
- *Identify up to three concrete goals you want to accomplish during this training rotation.*
- *Describe where you see yourself providing sexual & reproductive health (SRH) care. What geographic location(s)? What type of care setting? Are there other SRH service providers in the area?*
- *What patient population(s) will you be serving? What makes you passionate about serving this population?*
- *Would you live in the community you are serving or travel in to provide care? How do you envision the care you provide impacting the community?*
- *Describe any obstacles you anticipate facing to integrating SRH into your work and how you might overcome them.*
- *If you will have other clinical or educational obligations during the rotation, please explain.*

Questions: For questions about the application process that are **not answered in the Application Guide or on our website**, contact our team at ICT@midwestaccessproject.org.