



Didactic Attendance Policy¹

General:

APPIC's requirements include a minimum of 2 hours/week of didactic instruction, which calculates to 104 hours for a 52-week residency year. For geographic reasons, we generally schedule didactic sessions on the third Thursday and the following Friday of the month, avoiding major holidays and potentially intrusive events (e.g. spring break in local day schools).

APPIC also requires training in Supervision. The preferred way to satisfy this requirement in some years will be attendance at the pre-AzPA convention, supervision-training event (typically a Thursday) conducted by the Consortium. In some years, this event will fall on the third Thursday of a month and will therefore occur on a "normal" Consortium didactic-training day. However, in any given year, the AzPA annual convention may occur during a different week of the month. If a resident prefers to substitute a non-Consortium event for the pre-AzPA Convention, supervision-training event, the substitution must consist of supervision training.

The didactic program will ordinarily include 3 half-days of Ethics and 3 half-days of Diversity topics each year.

Most didactic sessions convene at a venue in central Maricopa County. However, in view of the Consortium's recognition of its mission to serve underserved populations, and its commitment to community-based training, didactic sessions occasionally take place in more distant locations such as the San Carlos Apache Wellness Center in San Carlos, Arizona, or in Flagstaff or Tucson, Arizona. Attendance at these sessions is mandatory unless exceptional circumstances prevent attendance.

Also, each year there will be the option of attending AzPA's or AASP's convention and one Board of Psychologist Examiners' session for credit. These events are automatically pre-approved as substitutes for Consortium didactic sessions. If you take advantage of these substitutions, please send a copy of your attendance/credit certificate to the Director of Residency Training.

Of note, each year includes the Arizona Psychology Training Conference (one full day).

For the sake of two-year, Neuropsychology Residents, each of the eight required knowledge areas (Houston Guidelines) will be addressed during each 24-month span. We are achieving this by using the neuro-psychologists among the Consortium's Board Members and Site Supervisors and community-based psychologists, addressing four of these topics each year.

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All didactics are required for all residents, with the proviso that substitutions for one-year residents and for first-year neuropsychology residents; four didactic sessions (= 12 hours = four half-days) are permitted for outside didactics in the resident's psychological specialty. For second-year neuropsychology residents, substitutions may be used for as many as 18 hours (= six half-days) of Consortium didactic sessions.

Residents must arrive within 10 minutes of the start of a didactic session and must attend continuously until the end of the session in order to receive attendance credit. No partial-session credit will be allowed.

Substitutions:

1. Only face-to-face, APA-accredited, CE events will be acceptable as substitutions for Consortium didactic sessions (no on-line or "read-an-article + quiz" credits).
2. Substitutions require *prior* approval from the Consortium's Director of Residency Training, ten days in advance of the event.
3. If you have attended an approved substitute training event, please confirm your attendance by submitting a copy of the event's completion certificate the Director of Residency Training.
4. If you substitute an outside event for a Consortium didactic session, you are requested to prepare a brief (e.g. 1 to 1-1/2 printed pages or an oral 10-minute summary) of each "outside" event you attend. The Training Committee expects that these reports will be presented, upon request of the host/facilitator, at a subsequent didactic event. (This might be just before or following a mid-session break, or at the conclusion of the day's major presentation, particularly when the major presentation does not completely fill the allotted time.)