

Testing Together e-learning Course for Healthcare Providers

Testing Together is a new public health strategy that occurs when two or more persons who are in-or planning to be in-a sexual relationship receive HIV testing services together, including their results. This service facilitates communication and disclosure of HIV status, and supports high impact prevention, care and treatment goals by identifying high-risk couples who might need to be linked to medical care or pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), including discordant couples.

The Testing Together e-learning Course for Healthcare Providers is designed for healthcare providers who offer HIV testing to patients in a variety of clinical settings. Others who want an overview of this approach for testing couples together for HIV in a healthcare setting can view this course if they wish. Microsoft Internet Explorer and a high speed internet connection are recommended for viewing the course.

CE Course Number: WB2545

CE Origination Date: 6/14/2016

CE Expiration Date: 6/14/2018

Course Description: The goal of this training is to equip HIV testing providers in healthcare settings with the knowledge and skills needed to offer HIV Testing Together to couples and sex partners attending their clinics.

Target Audience: The target audience includes physicians, physician's assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, certified health education specialists, public health educators, program managers, and clinic directors.

Prerequisites: It is recommended that participants have prior experience conducting HIV testing for individual clients and/or patients.

Hardware/Software: Computer hardware, internet connection, browser

Course Objectives:

Participants who complete this module will be able to:

1. Describe the communication skills necessary for effectively conducting a Testing Together session
2. Identify the four essential communication pathways when conducting Testing Together
3. Describe the differences between individual HIV testing and Testing Together
4. Identify the key characteristics of Testing Together
5. Discuss the types of couples who may attend a Testing Together session
6. Describe the eight steps of the Testing Together protocol
7. Identify considerations for integrating Testing Together into their healthcare setting
8. Identify their next steps for implementing Testing Together at their agency

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Accreditation Statements:

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To complete CDC's course evaluation and receive your CE Certificate:

- Go to CDC TCEO at www.cdc.gov/tceonline. Select **Participant Login** to login. If you are new to TCEO, select **New Participant** to create a user ID and password.
- Once logged on to CDC TCEO, the **Participant Services** page will display. Select the **Search & Register** link. Search for this course, *Testing Together e-learning Course for Healthcare Providers*. Users can also keyword search by the course number **WB2545**.
- Click on the course name and the course information page will display. Scroll down to **Register Here**. Select the type of CE that you would like to receive and then select **Submit**.
- The next page requests demographic information. New participants are required to answer the demographic questions. Returning participants please verify this information and select **Submit**.
- A message will display thanking you for registering for the course. If you have already completed the course you may select the option to take the evaluation.
- If you have not completed the course, you will be directed back to **Participant Services**. Under **Evaluation and Tests** you may access the course detail page, the course link, or the evaluation and/or posttest after completing the course.
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