

# Passport to Partner Services

## Course Descriptions

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### Track A

A brief online course for medical providers who want an understanding of the core principles of Partner Services. This includes transition statements to introduce the subject during patient encounters and explain the role of health department staff in Partner Services follow-up. Based on evidence of success and cost-effectiveness of Partner Services, CDC strongly recommends that all persons with newly diagnosed HIV and STDs receive Partner Services with active health department involvement. CME, CNE, and CHES credit is available.

### Track B

This track is for providers interested in describing Partner Services to patients and who will conduct partner elicitation and/or notification primarily for HIV. It includes 13 online modules and a 3-day instructor-led course.

### Track C

This track is for providers who conduct elicitation and/or notification and referral activities for Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Syphilis, and HIV. It includes 13 online modules and a 3-day instructor-led course.

### Track D

This track is for providers who conduct all aspects of Partner Services, including Syphilis case management and Visual Case Analysis (VCA). It includes 15 online modules and a 5-day instructor-led course. The *Passport to Partner Services VCA-E3* course is a pre-requisite for this track's instructor-led course.

### VCA-E3

This course is a pre-requisite for the Track D instructor-led program. It will provide instruction around plotting basic medical and other pertinent facts, "ghosting" primary lesions, and how to make preliminary source/spread determinations. This course consists of three 90 minute webinar sessions.

### 3 Day Instructor-led Course for Track B:

This course is an intensive skills-based application of the core Partner Services material set forth in the online module training program. Through HIV related exercises, activities, and role-plays, providers will enhance their ability to discuss the importance of partner management, develop skills for interviewing and counseling patients with HIV in order to identify sex partners and social contacts for referral to medical evaluation, incorporate partner services into existing practices, and emphasize the importance of HIV testing and linkage to care and early treatment for those living with HIV. Also featured is an overview of how partner notification work is conducted confidentially. This course also has the ability to address STD co-infection.

**Course pre-requisite:** *Passport to Partner Services- Track B* web-based training.

### 3 Day Instructor-led Course for Track C:

This course is an intensive skills-based application of the core partner services material set forth in the online module training program. Exercises, activities, and role plays focus on how to conduct interviewing/counseling sessions, field investigations, and partner/social contact notification related to Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, and HIV (to include STD co-infection). This program does not provide instruction in Syphilis case management or Syphilis Visual Case Analysis.

**Course pre-requisite:** *Passport to Partner Services- Track C* web-based training.

### 5 Day Instructor-led Course for Track D:

This course is an intensive skills-based application of the core partner services material set forth in the online module training program. It emphasizes the development of skills and techniques for interviewing STD and HIV patients in order to identify sex partners and social contacts for referral to medical evaluation. Specifically, communication skills, problem solving capabilities, and motivational techniques are honed. Investigation and notification tools to include the internet are discussed and feedback on mock interviews (role plays) is provided to each participant. Also included is an introduction to Syphilis case management, Syphilis Visual Case Analysis, and the LOT System.

**Course pre-requisites:** *Passport to Partner Services- Track D* web-based training and *Passport to Partner Services VCA E3* course.

#### Online Disease Concept Modules:

- ❖ Infectious Disease and Human Anatomy
- ❖ Syphilis
- ❖ Chlamydial Infection
- ❖ Gonorrhea
- ❖ Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
- ❖ HIV Infection and AIDS
- ❖ Tuberculosis
- ❖ Hepatitis

#### Online Disease Concept Modules:

- ❖ Introduction to Partner Services for PS Providers
- ❖ Communication Skills
- ❖ Interviewing (5 sub-units)
- ❖ Field Investigation and Notification
- ❖ Referrals and Linkages to Care
- ❖ Syphilis Case Management and VCA
- ❖ Lot System