WIPA CWIC and Community Partner Work Incentives Counseling Initial Training and Certification Program

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Initial Training Program Description

The Virginia Commonwealth University initial training is designed to provide professionals with the basic skills and knowledge they need to deliver work incentive counseling services to Social Security disability beneficiaries at a beginning level. The initial training is five (5) days in duration and is delivered in a classroom setting by two skilled and experienced NTDC trainers. After completing the initial training, participants are able to enter and complete a rigorous series of assessments and clinical exercises that will result in Social Security recognized certification.

The Initial Training is intensive and conducted over a five-day period. All participants must attend and participate in all five days of training. In addition to the training manual, we provide participants with extensive reference materials and tools to assist in on-going development of skills and technical information essential to providing effective and efficient work incentives counseling services.

Initial Training Eligibility and Registration Priorities

The CWIC and Community Partner Initial Training is open to WIPA project staff and their subcontractors, as well as staff of community partner organizations. To be eligible to participate, all registrants must commit to full participation in all components of the CWIC initial training and certification process.

While community partners are invited to register, please note that there is frequently a waiting list for the Initial Training classes. The VCU NTDC must adhere to specific registration priorities established by Social Security in confirming participation for a particular session. Final decisions regarding training acceptance are made by Social Security officials.

Important: There is no fee to participate in the Initial Training and Certification Process for those approved to attend. However, all approved participants are responsible for their own travel, lodging and meal expenses.

Please check our online Initial Training calendar for a list of upcoming training sessions and registration dates: https://vcu-ntdc.org/training/initial/calendar.cfm

Initial Training Calendar

Location	Training Dates	Registration Dates
Charlotte, NC	January 28, 2019 - February 1, 2019	November 13-December 10, 2018
Phoenix, AZ	February 25 - March 1, 2019	December 19, 2018-January 14, 2019
Pittsburgh, PA	March 25 - 29, 2019	January 23-February 13, 2019
Des Moines, IA	April 22 - 26, 2019	February 22-March 13, 2019
Seattle, WA	May 20-24, 2019	March 22-April 10, 2019
Baltimore, MD	June 17-21,2019	April 19-May 8, 2019
Indianapolis, IN	July 8-12, 2019	May 17-May 29, 2019