

How to become a Candidate Certified Trainer for Static-99R, Static-2002R, STABLE-2007, or ACUTE-2007

- 1) You have successfully completed the formal training by a Certified trainer for each measure for which you wish to become a Candidate Certified Trainer. If your last formal training was more than 4 years ago you will be required to take formal training by a Certified Trainer again prior to beginning the Candidate Certified Trainer Process.
- 2) You have gained experience applying each measure within a “real”¹ work/clinical (not research) environment since the formal training.
 - a. Static-99R, Static-2002R, and STABLE-2007 – for a minimum of 20 individual cases.
 - b. ACUTE-2007 – for a minimum of 20 assessments that reflect the full range of risk levels and must include at least 3 cases that involve re-assessments over time.
- 3) You have prior experience facilitating groups or delivering trainings, workshops, or presentations. *Experience does not have to be specific to sexual offending.
- 4) You can attest to your ability to maintain scoring competency by scoring a minimum of 10 “real” cases a year as a Certified Trainer and to deliver a minimum of 1 training per year on each measure.

Types of Certified Trainers

There are two types of Certified Trainers:

Local Certified Trainers are limited to providing training only within their work setting. Local trainers have a high level of knowledge about the measures, and scoring items, with specific expertise relevant to their work location. They are not required to have the same understanding of research and statistics as Independent Certified Trainers.

Independent Certified Trainers may provide training on the measures in any setting or jurisdiction. They are required to have an in depth understanding of the measures and item scoring regardless of jurisdiction, as well as the relevant background research including basic information concerning prediction statistics. Independent trainers are expected to be able to understand research articles with sufficient proficiency that they can identify the implications for practice and explain the study to trainees.

Candidate Trainer Process

¹ For our purposes a "real" case is in which an individual is scored and the scoring is likely to have a bearing on that individual's life, liberty, or intervention possibilities. A "real" case can also be one that is scored independently (without knowledge of a prior scoring of the offender) in the context of a monitored "inter-rater reliability" assessment or as part of ongoing supervision of people doing "real" assessments.



- 1) Contact Yolanda.fernandez@saarna.org to obtain the Candidate Trainer Application form and submit to back to Yolanda.fernandez@saarna.org.
- 2) A Master Trainer will review your application and may schedule an interview to determine if you meet the criteria for becoming a Candidate Certified Trainer. Decisions about the personal suitability of applicants to be a Certified Trainer will be made on a case-by-case basis.

If selected you will be required to:

- 1) Participate in a Train the Trainer (TtT) session to review all training materials for each measure. TtT sessions are typically 1 to 1.5 days per measure depending on the measure.
- 2) Obtain and read all reference documents provided to you on a reading list.
 - a. Candidates for Independent Certified Trainer status will be required to develop and deliver a presentation on assigned research from the reading list.
- 3) Pass a written exam relevant to each measure. The exams include multiple choice questions, short answer questions, mock e-mail responses, and mock case scoring.
 - a. Candidates for Independent Certified Trainer status will be required to pass additional questions relevant to research and statistics.
 - b. Exams are open book. You are provided 24 hours to complete the exam. Candidate Certified Trainers typically report requiring 6-8 hours to complete each exam.
- 4) Demonstrate your ability to deliver the training on each measure to a group of real learners in front of the Master Trainer. Observed trainings may be delivered in tandem by a maximum of 2 Candidate Certified Trainers.

Format

*TtT sessions may be completed virtually.

*For observed trainings, consideration should be given to the how the Candidate Certified Trainer intends to deliver trainings once certified. If the intent is to provide primarily in-person trainings then we recommend that the observed training be in person. Note that this will mean additional travel and accommodation costs for the Master Trainer.

If virtual observation of an in-person training is agreed upon by the Master Trainer, the observation would need to ensure the Master Trainer has a clear view of the presenter, the slide presentation, and at least some of the training participants. The Master Trainer will also need to be able to clearly hear the presenter and participants as they ask questions and have access to a mechanism for confidential verbal feedback to the presenter at regular points during the training.

If the intent is for the Candidate Certified Trainer to provide primarily virtual trainings then the observed training should be virtual.



Recorded observation is not acceptable as real time feedback is provided to the Candidate Certified Trainers during the observed trainings.

Costs

Master Trainers set their own fees. Fees will cover the cost of the Master Trainer's time to deliver the TtT sessions, set and grade exams, observe trainings, and provide ongoing mentorship. If in-person observation is required then fees to cover travel, accommodation and a per diem will be required.

Certified Trainers are required register with SAARNA.org (\$75 CAD/annually). Registration provides Certified Trainers with access to research and training material updates, as well as access to relevant professional opportunities that are either free or at a reduced cost for Certified Trainers.

Groups/Organizations

The number of Certified Trainers required per organization is dependent on the needs of the organization and the ability of the organization to ensure that Certified Trainers are able to maintain their Certified status by delivering a minimum of 1 training per year on each measure.