
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TRAINING MANUAL

APPENDIX C: Professional Development and Continuing Education

Analysts should continue their professional development by aiming to complete at least twenty hours of training every year. Acceptable forms of training include but are not limited to the below examples:

- Chemistry or instrumental courses at post-secondary education level
- Instrument operation or maintenance courses taught by vendors
- In-service classes conducted by the employer
- Current literature review
- In-service training taught by external provided
- Clandestine Laboratory Safety Certification training and subsequent annual renewal course
- Drug Analysis Certification
- Blood Alcohol Certification
- Internal Promotion to next level
- Participation in relevant scientific meetings or conferences

Additionally, membership in regional or national forensic organizations is encouraged, and certification by the American Board of Criminalistics is desirable.