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To: Massachusetts Nursing and Professional Healthcare Organizations  
From: Laurie Talarico, MS, RN, CNP Nursing Practice Coordinator  
Re: Update to required training for Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention

DPH's Division of Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention and Services is currently working on an e-Learning tool that will be housed on its [DPH's Domestic and Sexual Violence Integration Initiatives](#) web page. The Division is planning to gather stakeholders for content reviews in early October and foresee the tool's completion by the end of October.

In the interim, the Department has created a Criteria and Application for programs, organizations, and individuals who are interested in offering training(s) that meet the Chapter 260 requirements. Applicant approval to provide Chapter 260 training will be based on training materials submitted, as well as the trainer's demonstrated ability to effectively cover all areas outlined within the Criteria. Trainings that receive DPH approval will be listed on [DPH's Domestic and Sexual Violence Integration Initiatives](#) web page. Similar to the e-Learning tool, DPH will also provide the Boards of Registration with a link to the list of DPH-approved trainings that can be shared on their website's as well.

The Criteria and Application are currently available on the DPH website and can be accessed by using the following link: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/com-health/violence/chapter-260-criteria-and-application.pdf>

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