

## **The Certified Medication Assisted Treatment Advocate (CMA) Training Course**

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The leading advocate and recovery organization for medication assisted treatment, the National Alliance for Medication Assisted Treatment (NAMA Recovery) developed this training, believing that professionals, patients and their families can work together for a better understanding of the physiology of addiction and the use of medication assisted treatment (MAT). Both patients and non-patients are encouraged to become Certified Medication Assisted Treatment Advocates (CMA).

The course presentation includes:

**Medication Assisted Treatment** –Basic clinical information about methadone and buprenorphine treatment.

**Addiction & Methadone** -Current science about addiction in a language understandable to the non-clinician.

**Regulations & Accreditation**–Current regulations explained by the federal agency that oversees methadone and buprenorphine treatment, and the State Opioid Treatment Authority.

**Basic Advocacy**–Basic tools for advocacy, managing simple issues that confront advocates, educating patients about their rights, handling grievances, legal issues and working within communities to benefit patients and treatment.

Participants will gain the initial tools for basic advocacy in order to grow and develop into successful advocates. The course involves eight hours of rigorous training and fulfills the training requirement for Certification as a Medication Assisted Treatment Advocate (CMA).

Candidates for certification must register with NAMA Recovery prior to the conference. There is a separate registration fee for the event. The fee includes all materials, 2014/2015 membership in NAMA Recovery, and the application for CMA. Registration information is available at: [www.methadone.org](http://www.methadone.org). NAMA Recovery cannot guarantee a place to anyone not pre-registered. Lunch is not provided.

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