

“Healthcare Access for Persons with Disabilities”

A Continuing Education Course for Physicians, Nurses, Social Workers, Other Healthcare Professionals and Medical Office Staff



Disability and Health Program
kansans with disabilities can be healthy

Access to healthcare can be difficult for people with disabilities. In Kansas, for example, 10% of adult Kansans with disabilities reported experiencing restrictions to healthcare access on the 2009 BRFSS.

- 14% said the restriction was due to lack of physical access
- 6% said it was due to a lack of communication
- 10% said it was due to another person
- 27% said they had been treated unfairly due to their disability

What can YOU do as a healthcare provider to help people with disabilities get quality care?

Complete our online Continuing Education course about disability competency.



Course Content: “Healthcare Access for Persons with Disabilities” provides tips for delivering culturally sensitive, high quality care to adults and children with physical and sensory disabilities, along with solutions to problems in serving patients with disabilities. By the end of this course providers will:

- Gain a better understanding of health, wellness and care issues concerning people with physical and sensory disabilities,
- Recognize the four barriers to quality healthcare as addressed in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Identify a minimum of five skills to increase effective communication and problem solving to enhance quality care for people with disabilities.

Taking the Course:

- The course is available free to providers nationwide.
- One CME/CNE is offered for a \$10 fee.
- To enroll, go to <https://ks.train.org>. (First-time users must create a login name and password.)
- Search for **Healthcare Access for Persons with Disabilities, course number 1025624 (University of Kansas)**.
- Course requirements for successful completion are 70%.

“Healthcare Access for Persons with Disabilities addresses situations and issues I’ve not seen previously addressed in nursing literature or classes. It’s delivered in a very common-sense and understandable manner. The suggestions given for communication and treatment for people with disabilities are relevant and applicable.”

Wilma Christensen, R.N.