

New York State Education Department has recently sent out communication about **Updated Mandated Reporter Training Requirements:**

Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2021 amended Social Services Law § 413 to require **additional training to include protocols to reduce implicit bias in decision-making processes, strategies for identifying adverse childhood experiences, and guidelines to assist in recognizing signs of abuse or maltreatment while interacting virtually** within the New York State Mandated Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse and Maltreatment/Neglect coursework. This law requires that mandated reporters, including those who have previously undergone the current training, complete the updated training curriculum by **April 1, 2025**.

Training related to child abuse is **required** for the following professions:

- Certified Behavior Analyst Assistants
- Chiropractors
- Creative Arts Therapists
- Dental Hygienists
- Dentists
- Licensed Behavior Analysts
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Master Social Workers
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Mental Health Counselors
- Optometrists
- **Physicians**
- Podiatrists
- Psychoanalysts
- Psychologists
- **Registered Nurses**

As a licensee registered to practice in one of the above professions, you must complete this training by April 1, 2025. After that date, the updated coursework must be completed prior to the Department's issuance of a license or limited permit, or registration to practice. Information about the process by which a licensee may request an exemption, based on the nature of the licensee's practice, is on the NYS [website](#).

A training course is now available on HealthStream for all associates who require this training. It can be found under the course title *Child Abuse Identification and Reporting 2024/2025*



After completing the course, the training provider will send an email with the certificate of completion and a link to file the certificate with the NYS Education Department. This must be done in order for NYS to have a record that you completed the course.