

Blood Borne Infection Education: Adapting Materials to Deliver Coursework During an Evolving Pandemic



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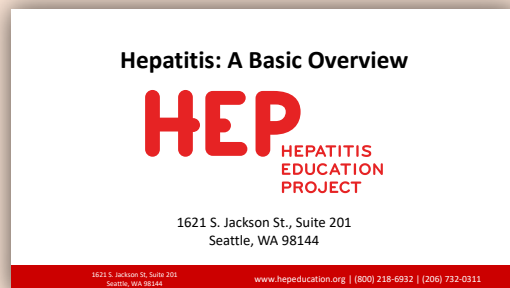
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Correctional Health Program

Our work in the Washington Department of Corrections (WA DOC):

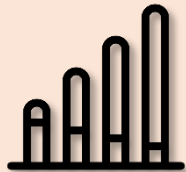
- Viral Hepatitis Class
- Self Help In Eliminating Life-threatening Diseases (SHIELD)



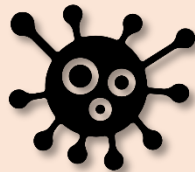
About Our Viral Hepatitis Classes

- Began teaching in WA DOC in 2003
- 13,921 students instructed
- Curriculum includes:

Prevalence



Causes



Treatment



Prevention



Viral Hepatitis Class Logistics Pre-COVID



Advanced advertisement and registration



2-hour in-person presentation and discussion



Students receive certificate after presentation

Viral Hepatitis Class Format Pre-COVID



Viral Hepatitis Class Logistics Post-COVID



Curriculum converted for independent learning

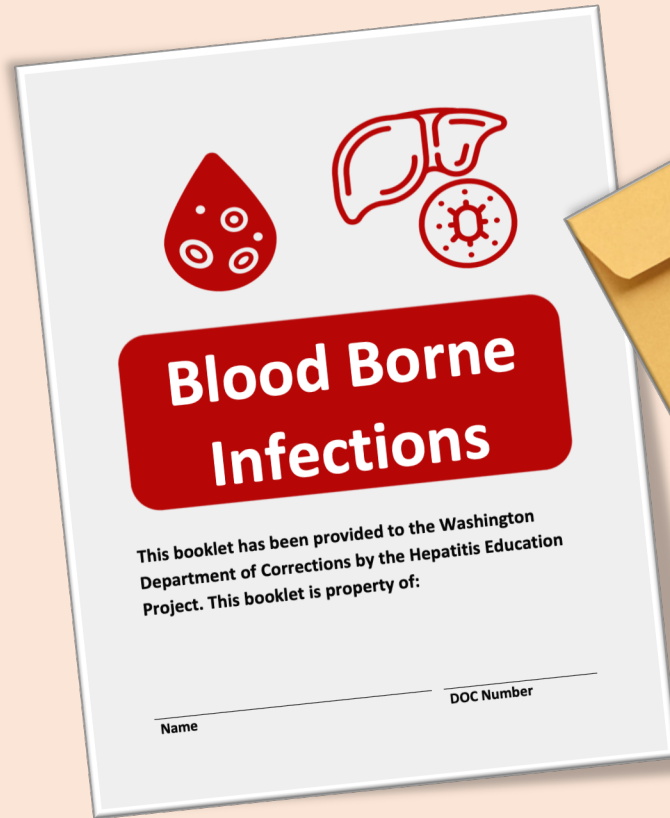


Coursework booklets delivered through mail



Certificates delivered concurrently

Viral Hepatitis Classes Post-COVID



Adaptations for Remote Delivery



Readability



Comprehension



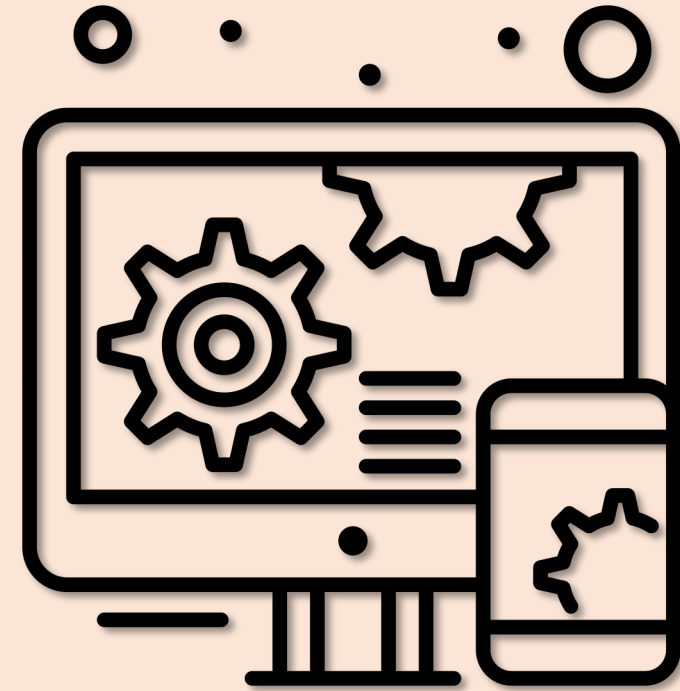
Engagement



Relevance



Cultural Sensitivity



Content Development



Audience



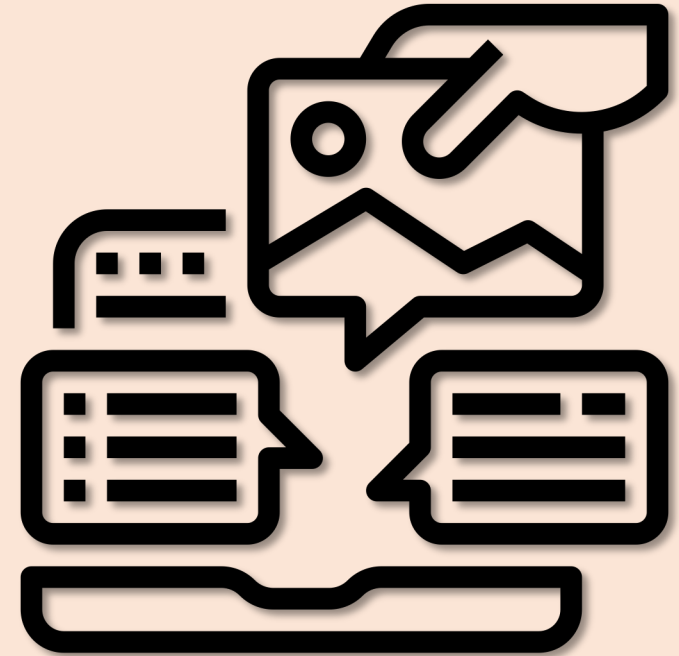
Length of stay



Existing programs



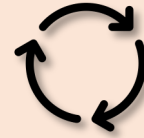
Available resources and referrals



Considerations for Materials



DOC policy



Longevity



Safety and security



Colors



Mail room



Weight

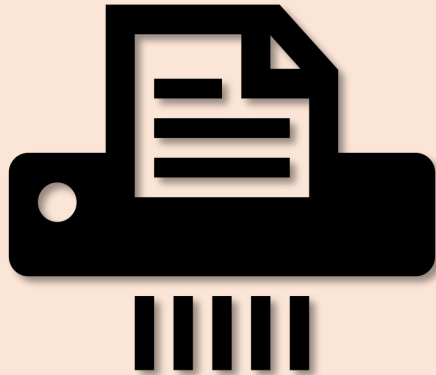


Languages



Cost

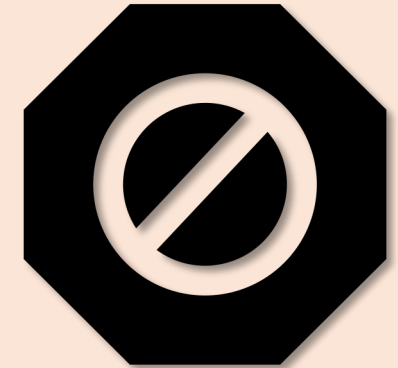
Administrative Obstacles



Safety mindset



Reduced staff



Suspended movement

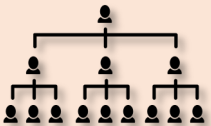
Overcoming Obstacles



Establish language that promotes a rationale for program need.



Identify champion(s) and key stakeholders.



Include prison staff in development and approval of materials.



Explore options that relieve the administrative burden.

Program Successes

Fall 2019 vs. Spring 2020:

- 479 students in-person viral hepatitis class
- 785 students mail-in viral hepatitis class
- 19 students in-person SHIELD
- 64 students mail-in SHIELD

Current Fall 2020 Cycle So Far:

- Completed 11/13 facilities, 3 SHIELD programs
- 302 students in SHIELD and 521 students in viral hepatitis class



Adapted Program Feedback from Students

I learned more than I thought I would.



Your course made a significant difference in my life.

I now have a good understanding of how to keep myself safe and how to help my friends.

I've learned so much due to this course, thank you!

Conclusions



Correspondence coursework is possible and should be utilized while in-person programming is suspended.



Leverage existing partnerships and programs when possible.



Ensure materials are relevant for audience, facility, and region.

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NHCN Activities:

- Annual In-Person Meeting
- Quarterly Webinars
- Engagement Calls
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Website Resources & News