



Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Quality Management (QM) Certification Classes: Registration for Upcoming Spring-Summer 2026 Virtual Classes

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AUDIENCE:

ODP Staff, Counties/Administrative Entities (AEs), Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs), Providers, and Health Care Quality Units (HCQUs)

PURPOSE:

To provide information on upcoming 2026 QM Certification class dates and registration.

DISCUSSION:

To build system capacity and ensure success in applying QM principles and practices, ODP offers a QM certification curriculum and handbook aimed at enhancing QM knowledge and skills of ODP staff and stakeholders across the service delivery system. ODP recognizes that providing opportunities to gather together to become ODP QM certified will provide our system with increased expertise and capacity to move forward in partnership and collaboration, as well as a renewed emphasis on person-centeredness and achievement of positive outcomes for those we serve.

Administrative Entities are required to have a QM Point Person who is ODP QM Certified. Residential providers who wish to obtain Select and Clinically Enhanced tiers in Performance-Based Contracting must have at least one member of their executive leadership team, who has the authority to adopt recommendations and direct QM activities, ODP QM Certified.

Here are key things that you should know about the virtual class:

- Class size is limited to 32 and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Registration will close when the class is full, or 15 days prior to the start of a class, whichever comes first.
- Prerequisite modules are required to prepare learners for the class and must be completed prior to attending class. Module completion is tracked and failure to complete all modules will prevent you from joining the class.
- This class is NOT required for prospective providers to proceed with the application process for enrollment and registration is not available until an agency is approved. However, prospective provider applicants MUST complete the three QM Prerequisite Modules (101, 102, 103) as part of the approval process.
- Classes are held over 2 consecutive days, from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Participants must attend, with camera on, the entire time and complete the post-test with a score of at least 84% to obtain ODP QM certification status.

REGISTRATION OPENS	2026 CLASS DATES
2/17/2026	April 27-28 May 11-12 June 15-16 July 13-14 July 27-28
7/13/2026	September 14-15 October 26-27 November 16-17 December 14-15

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE:

Classes are offered virtually via the Zoom© platform. To participate, you will need to have access to a computer, with a web-camera, that meets the Zoom system requirements. (Attendees will not be admitted with smart phone access only due to the interactive nature of the class.) [Click here](#) to review the Zoom requirements.

TRAINING DESIGN:

Class design considers the needs of beginners, as well as those with QM experience. Note that time will not be spent in class directly reviewing the prerequisite modules, but rather practicing QM skills with an assigned team. Participants are encouraged to reach out to the ODP QM mailbox, listed at the end of this announcement, with any questions related to the modules, prior to attending class. A post-test is used to evaluate individual comprehension of the training, which includes the class materials and the prerequisite modules. Applicants can attempt this test twice but must wait 24 hours between attempts. Each participant is also required to submit a brief course evaluation at the end of the class which is used to improve the organization and delivery of the course for future classes.

HANDS-ON TRAINING WITH PLAN-DO-CHECK-ACT (PDCA) QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (QI)

CYCLE:

The 2-day virtual training, as described in [ODP's QM Certification Syllabus](#), is spent using breakouts, hands-on activities, and large group discussions to prepare participants to immediately implement QM upon returning to the office. These activities take a deep dive into data that represents a real-life priority for our system using the PDCA QI cycle.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

You must register for a training class by logging into MyODP and navigating to the 2026 Quality Management Certification Program - Virtual Training course (Topics > Quality Management > Quality Management Certification Program > 2026 Quality Management Certification Program - Virtual Training) or by using this link: [2026 QM Cert Course](#).

Once logged into the course, you must complete and submit the Demographic Information Form. Once completed, registration links for the classes that are available will be displayed. Upon successful completion of the registration, you will receive an automated email confirmation.

INTEREST LIST FOR POTENTIAL OPENINGS:

When registration for all the available QM Certification trainings is at capacity, a QM Certification Training Interest List for upcoming sessions form will be available in the course. To be considered for any potential openings, complete and submit this form. Once submitted, you will be contacted via email if an opening becomes available. Available openings are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If an opening is offered, completion of the prerequisite modules is required prior to participating in the training.

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION:

If, for any reason, you cannot participate in the training for which you registered, you will need to change or cancel your registration by returning to the registration page on MyODP and selecting the "Cancel booking" button next to your registered session. If there is space available in another session, you will then be able to register for that session. If you need to cancel your registration less than 15 days before the scheduled training, please send an email to: RA-PWODPQMCERTI@pa.gov.

Questions about ODP's QM Strategy, QM Certification program, or any other topics related to ODP QM can be sent to the ODP QM Mailbox: RA-PWODPQMCERTI@pa.gov.