The AETCs are a network of regional education centers that train clinical healthcare providers, provide clinical guidance and technical assistance, and disseminate guidelines and best practices for the effective management of HIV infection.

The network achieves these goals by working with a select group of Regional Partner sites covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and 6 U.S. Pacific jurisdictions.

The AETCs provide education, training, technical assistance and educational clinical consultations utilizing various modalities including:

- Real-time, in-person presentations
- Distance-based real-time and archived presentations
- Development of guides, posters and other instructional materials for clinicians
- Facilitation of “communities of practice”
- Development, implementation and hosting of individualized clinical preceptorships
- Development of self-study materials
- Technical assistance on topics pertaining to HIV care
- Innovative care delivery approaches and models
- Educational clinical consultation with expert clinicians (live, telephonic or web-based)

The AETCs are a program of the Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of HIV/AIDS, Division of Training and Capacity Development, funded by Part F of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act.

Continuing education credits are available for selected offerings. Credits may include Continuing Medical Education (CME), Continuing Nurse Education (CNE), Continuing Dental Education (CDE), Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE), Social Work Continuing Education (SWCE) and other professional educational credits.

For more information, please visit: www.maaetc.org
The MidAtlantic AETC’s Clinical Training Program includes preceptorships offered to physicians, nurses, advanced practice nurses, dentists, nurse practitioners, psychiatrists, physician’s assistants, and pharmacists. The AETC will custom-design preceptorship to match the educational objectives of each clinical training participant based upon the participant’s previous knowledge, experience, and areas of interest.

Clinical training includes a clinical observation, case-based learning, and mentoring with an expert in HIV prevention and/or treatment. Topics and focus for the preceptorship are aimed at developing specific skills and knowledge to provide HIV prevention, treatment, and support services along the HIV Care Continuum for a specific clinician or health professional tailored to their particular practice setting.

Programs range in length, usually from 1 to 3 days. Preceptorship sites include HIV clinics and other clinical settings in both urban and rural locales. Interprofessional faculty preceptors are HIV clinical experts. Most programs allow for flexibility in scheduling, and continuing education credit may be offered. Ongoing follow-up is provided to the participant and the participant’s agency as needed within the context of building the agency’s capacity to provide patients with interprofessional team care. Follow-up is provided by phone, email, video conferencing, and on-site consultation.

The objective of a preceptorship is to build individual clinician clinical capacity through case-driven learning experiences, instruction and mentoring within a clinical setting.

Clinical training experiences and content include:
- Primary care management
- Antiretroviral regimens and monitoring
- Treatment adherence
- Opportunistic infections and management
- Psychiatric co-morbidities and management
- Addictions and treatment strategies
- Hepatitis diagnosis, treatment and care
- Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)
- Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Non-occupational Post Exposure Prophylaxis (NPEP)
- Reproductive health issues for HIV positive women
- Secondary prevention
- Cultural competence/fluency
- Treatment issues for women
- Adolescent HIV care
- Pediatric HIV care
- LGBT health care
- Transgender health care

1 National HIV AIDS Strategy 2015: HIV Care Continuum Initiative