



Accessibility Trainings

September 13-14, 2022 ■ Philadelphia, PA

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights and the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center, the U.S. Access Board will hold free trainings on accessibility of the built environment and information and communication technology in Philadelphia. Seats are limited for each session, and registration is required via the [U.S. Access Board Events in Philadelphia registration form](#). Requests for reasonable accommodations must be submitted on the registration form by August 22, 2022.

Tuesday, September 13

Temple University, Howard Gittis Student Center, 1755 N 13th Street

1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Architectural Design and Social Justice

Architect Karen Braitmayer will discuss the civil rights struggle for accessible design and highlight the importance of architecture in achieving equity and inclusion throughout all segments of society. This presentation will discuss challenges and victories of the U.S. disability rights movement as they relate to architecture; provide a high-level overview of the current landscape of accessibility laws and regulations applicable to architectural design; and teach participants how to rethink standard architectural design trends to make them equitable and inclusive. Attendees can earn continuing education credits (American Institute of Architects and Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System).

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Digital Inclusion: Accessibility in Higher Education

This training will discuss requirements, considerations, and recommendations for digital accessibility in higher education to ensure that digital academic environments are inclusive of all faculty, students, and staff. The training will focus specifically on requirements for universities and issues typical to university-level classes.

2:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Making Documents Accessible

This hands-on workshop will review issues associated with creating accessible documents when using Microsoft Word. The session will also touch on accessibility issues when exporting to PDF and using Microsoft PowerPoint. The presenters will review best practices and resources developed by the Accessible Electronic Documents (AED) Community of Practice (CoP) that are helpful to all members of the public who are responsible for creating, posting, and distributing electronic content. **Attendees are highly encouraged to bring their own laptop computer.**

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Overview of the ADA and ABA Accessibility Standards

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 is a major civil rights law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability in the private and state and local government sectors. The ADA was greatly informed by the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA), which was the first federal law to address access to the built environment. This presentation will provide an overview of the ADA and ABA Accessibility Standards and Guidelines, as well as allow time for questions about accessible design. Attendees can earn continuing education credits (American Institute of Architects and Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System).

Wednesday, September 14

Sierra-Tamman Collaboration, 399 Market Street

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Section 508 and WCAG Questions and Answers

This Q&A session on Section 508 Standards and Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) is intended for intermediate to advanced developers. U.S. Access Board digital accessibility specialists will answer common (and not so common) questions on implementation of digital accessibility standards for information and communication technology (ICT). Presenters will highlight Section 508 tools and resources and development of an ICT Testing Baseline portfolio. Questions should be submitted in advance of the training by emailing 508@access-board.gov with the subject line “Question for September 14 ICT Training.” Registration is required **by September 7, 2022.**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, September 14

Liberty Resources, Inc., 112 N. 8th Street

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Accessing the Past: Accessibility in Historic Buildings and Facilities

This public training will provide an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) accessibility requirements for historic buildings and facilities. The presenters will review ADA and ABA technical requirements and exemptions, best design practices, and recommendations for making historic sites and facilities accessible. Attendees can earn continuing education credits (American Institute of Architects and Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System).

