

# Adding and Editing Hot Topics

## Purpose:

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Administrators can post Hot Topics that will appear to users within their group on the TRAIN homepage.

Hot Topics can be any relevant information for your chosen audience.

## Administrative Roles with Access:

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- **Blog Admin**
- **Blog Author**

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Navigate to Blog Posts

 **TIP:** On the administrative side of TRAIN, “**blog post**” is another term for an Announcement or a **Hot Topic**.



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Admin

Blog Posts

[Add new blog post](#)  
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Add a new blog post to the system.

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Find/edit blog posts, and modify their visibility and content.



View **Step 2** to learn how to add a **new** blog post. View **Step 4** to learn how to find and edit an **existing** blog post.

Add New Blog Post - Hot Topics

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Fill in the necessary information for your Hot Topic. Give your Hot Topic its **(a) Title** here. Use the dashboard on the left to click through each section: **Content**, **Common Information**, and **Availability**.

Cancel

Save

Add post

(Fields marked below are required)

Title

Hot Topic Title

Content

Common Information

Availability

Content

B I H

Link Image

Preview

Attach a file

SEO Meta Description

This short description will appear on public search engine result pages for this item.

Recommended length: 300 characters.

CONTENT SECTION:

- (b) Content:** Type what you want your Hot Topic to say here. You can also add attachments, hyperlinks, and images to your Hot Topic using the toolbar.
- (c) SEO Meta Description:** This section is optional. You can type a Search Engine Optimization Summary which will appear on public search engine result pages related to your Hot Topic.
- (d) Preview:** Click the blue **Preview** button to see how your Hot Topic will appear to TRAIN users.

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Add New Blog Post - Hot Topic (continued)

Fill in the necessary information for your Hot Topic. Use the dashboard on the left to click through each section: **Content**, **Common Information**, and **Availability**.

COMMON INFORMATION SECTION:

- (e) **Expiration Date:** Select the last date you want your Hot Topic to be public here.
- (f) **Blog Channel:** Select the **Hot Topic** option from the dropdown menu.

- (g) **Viewing Options:**
- When checked, the **Active** box means TRAIN users can view your Hot Topic once you save the blog post.
  - When checked, the **Show post author info** box means your user account name will appear with the Hot Topic.
  - When checked, the **Show post title** box means the title of your Hot Topic will be displayed on the homepage.

- (h) **Tags:** Add key words to your Hot Topic so it appears in relevant searches.

AVAILABILITY SECTION:

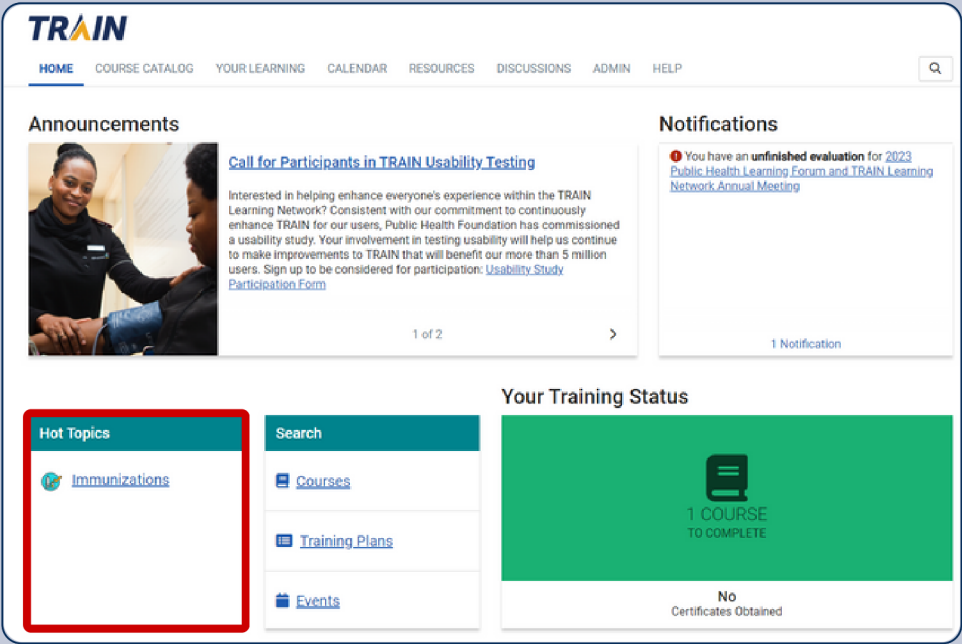
- (i) **Groups:** Search for the Group(s) you want to view your Hot Topic using its name or ID number.

To select a Group, click the green + button.

To remove a selected group, click the x button.

- (j) Click the green **Save** button to finish adding your Hot Topic.

Hot Topics will appear on the TRAIN homepage. Users will see them when they login or click the home button.



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Find and Edit Existing Blog Posts - Hot Topics

After clicking the **Find and edit blog post** button shown in **Step 1**, you can do the following:

- (a) Use the search bar to find the Hot Topic you want to edit.
- (b) Click the magnifying glass to view your search results.
- (c) Click the arrow to view the Hot Topic details.
- (d) Click the pencil icon to view and edit the Hot Topic.
- (e) Click the green **Save** button to save the changes you made to the Hot Topic.
- (f) Click the red **Delete** button to delete the Hot Topic.
- (g) Click the yellow **Cancel** button to exit the page without saving your changes.

