# Mental Health and the Military: Strategies for Treating Veterans with PTSD and Related

Roughly one-third of combat veterans battle some form of mental health condition with the most notable being posttraumatic stress disorder. This course is designed to present practitioners with a review of effective treatments for PTSD and related conditions in combat veterans. In addition to PTSD, related disorders such as nightmares, insomnia, and depression will be reviewed. Although there are effective treatments available for these conditions, many clinicians are unaware of the theory and science related to these interventions. Moreover, unless the clinician has served in the military or worked with military or veteran clients in the past, the importance of military culture on treatment outcomes for these conditions will not be fully appreciated. This seminar will help you become a more effective clinician for your veteran clients.

Target Audience

Psychologists Therapists

Social Workers Psychiatrists

Counselors Nurses Course level: Intermediate

# Learning Objectives

At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:

- 1. Summarize the beliefs, customs, practices, and language that are unique to the military culture.
- 2. List the types of stressors that occur in the combat environ-
- 3. Describe evidence-based psychological treatments used to treat PTSD and related conditions in veterans.
- 4. Describe evidence-based pharmacological interventions for PTSD and related conditions the limitations of commonly used medica-
- 5. Describe the importance of military cultural competence when working with veterans.

## Seminar Schedule

Typically begins at 11:00 AM and ends at 2:15 PM Eastern time· There is one 15 minute break· However, check the webinar schedule.

### Outline

Begin 10AM EST Military Culture Language Rank Customs and Traditions Treatments for PTSD Combat Stress Prolonged Exposure Cognitive Processing Therapy Break 11:30-11:45 PM ET Pharmacotherapy Treatment of Co-occurring Disorders and Other Clinical Issues Nightmares Insomnia Depression Other Disorders END 1:15 PM EST

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