

CBT with Aging Individuals

Across behavioral health professions, there is a workforce shortage of psychotherapists trained to provide evidence-based mental health services to aging individuals. Cognitive-behavioral conceptualizations and therapy strategies have been effectively used with culturally diverse middle-aged and older adults. This webinar is aimed at psychotherapists who already have some knowledge of and experience providing CBT. You will develop an understanding of typical adjustments to CBT sessions with aging individuals, with CBT strategies for later life depression used as examples. The presentation will also include resources for clinical practice with middle-aged and older adults and recommendations for further professional development.

Target Audience

Psychologist Social Workers Counselors
Teachers Therapists Case Managers
Marriage and Family Therapists Nurses
This seminar is for intermediate to advanced level clinicians

Learning Objectives

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

1. Identify unhelpful thoughts, challenge them, and come up with positive thoughts to replace them
2. Talk about their early childhood experiences and focus on schemas and other long-term thought patterns, then analyze them so they can be updated to the present
3. Identify unhelpful thoughts, notice if there is a pattern in their thinking, ask themselves questions to help develop more adaptive thoughts, and observe how changing negative thoughts leads to more adaptive actions (*)
4. Ask their family and friends to help identify negative thoughts and replace them with more positive thoughts
5. Identify two aspects of aging that require adjustments in CBT strategy

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Outline

Begin 2 PM EST

Cultural Responsivity in CBT with middle-aged and older adults

Within-Session Modifications of CBT for Aging Individuals

Break 3:30-3:45 PM ET

Adapting Behavioral Activation & Problem Sol

Adapting Cognitive Reappraisal Strategies

Depression Case Study and Video Demonstrations

Professional Development Resources

End 5:15 PM EST



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The Presenter

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