



Behavioral Health Issues in Those with Military Backgrounds: Individuals and Families

This free eLearning continuing education program provides health care providers with a comprehensive understanding of military culture and behavioral health needs including appropriate screening and treatment in primary care.

Veterans and their families are a population with unique needs related to the culture of military life and experiences. Of the 20 million U.S. military veterans, it is estimated that 14 million receive care outside of the Veterans Health Administration system. The MISSION Act, signed in 2018, increased access to care for veterans in the civilian health care system, making community providers more accessible. After completing this program participants will be able to:

1. Describe unique aspects of the military culture and its effects on health.
2. Understand the importance of identifying those that have served in the military and their families.
3. Understand the spectrum of effects of military experiences/trauma and its relationship to overall health.

As of 2016, the Connecticut Department of Public Health requires health care professionals complete at least two contact hours of training or education on the topic of mental health conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans. These topics may include determining whether a patient is a veteran or family member of a veteran; screening for conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide, and depression; and suicide prevention training. This course meets this requirement.

Highlights of the Behavioral Health Issues in Those with Military Backgrounds course:

Free

of Charge

Self-Paced

Online Instruction, About 2 Hours Total

2

Continuing Ed Credits Total

0.5

Pharmacology Credits

Continuing Ed Credits Expire April 8, 2023

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How to Register for the Behavioral Health Issues in Those with Military Backgrounds course:

1. Go to <https://uconn.geniussis.com/Registration.aspx>
2. Select the course you want to register for and click the green Register button in the bottom right corner. This will add the course to the cart.
3. Click on Proceed to check out in the upper right corner. This will take you to the Registration Page.
4. Complete the open fields and click Register. This will take you to the course confirmation page, where you click confirm, which will take you to a new page, and click Go to Dashboard. This will take you to the learner dashboard in Genius. You will see your selected course under Active Courses. Click on the title, and you will be taken directly to the course in Blackboard.

After you complete the Registration form, two system-generated emails will be sent to you. One welcoming you and confirming the course you signed up for, and the second one telling you your username — first name.last name — and temporary password. Please be sure to check any Junk or Spam folders, and the Promotions folder in Gmail, to find your emails if you don't see them in your inbox.

How to Log Back into the Course after Registering:

1. Go to: <https://uconn.geniussis.com/PublicWelcome.aspx>
2. For Genius Login, use your username — first name.last name — and the temporary password you received in an email during the registration process. Once logged into Genius for the first time after registration, you will be asked to update your password. The new password must include a capital letter, number, and symbol.
3. Once in the Genius dashboard, you will see the course title. Click on the title and you will be directed to Blackboard, where you can find the course and course materials. Or you can click on "Go to LMS" on the left menu of the Genius dashboard, and that will bring you to your Blackboard institution page. Find Courses on the left menu, and you'll see the course.
4. Alternatively, you can access the course material directly from Blackboard: go to <http://lms.uconn.edu/> and click on Guest Login. Use the same username — first name.last name — and the password you used to log into Genius.

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