



# Skills Lab: Enhancing Proficiency in Assessing Race-Based and Discrimination-Related Trauma during PTSD Treatment

## Course Information Document

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**Target Audience:** Mental health providers who provide services for military personnel and veterans with PTSD.

**Instructional Level:** Introductory

### **Course Description:**

This course will delve into the assessment of race-based and discrimination-related trauma, a critical aspect of culturally competent therapy. Learners will learn to assess PTSD symptoms in the context of these unique experiences and gain the expertise to provide clients with informed and empathetic feedback on their treatment options. This course equips mental health professionals with the skills necessary to engage effectively with clients facing trauma related to race or discrimination, ensuring culturally sensitive and personalized care.

### **Learning Objectives:**

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

1. Assess trauma symptoms effectively with a focus on PTSD symptoms linked to race-based or discrimination-related trauma.
2. Provide clients with an understanding of available treatment options in a culturally sensitive and informed manner.
3. Describe ethical considerations for including race-based or discrimination-related trauma in PTSD assessment.

**Primary Goal:** After completion of this skills lab, mental health providers will be able to effectively assist and support clients through the identification of race-based or discrimination-related trauma in PTSD assessment.

**Date and Time:** November 7, 2024, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. CST

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Where:** Zoom

**Cost:** There is no additional cost to attending this course.

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## Meet the Presenter

**Brittany Hall-Clark, PhD**

**Director of Inclusive Behavioral Health Advancement**

**Dr. Brittany N. Hall-Clark** is a Texas-licensed Clinical Psychologist. She obtained her PhD in Clinical Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Hall-Clark completed a 2-year fellowship with STRONG STAR, a multidisciplinary PTSD research consortium. She then became an Assistant Professor within the Division of Behavioral Medicine and the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. For 8 years, she worked at the Ft. Hood site of STRONG STAR as a cognitive-behavioral research therapist for several randomized clinical trials focused on PTSD and related conditions in



active-duty military personnel and veterans. Currently, she works with the STRONG STAR Training Initiative as a Prolonged Exposure therapy consultant and is also a part of the National Center for PTSD Consultation team. Dr. Hall-Clark is passionate about diversity and cultural sensitivity, evidenced by her focus on cultural factors in treatment, provision of diversity training to graduate students and continuing education for professionals, and culturally oriented publications and presentations. Her professional interests include translational research, cultural factors related to PTSD and other mental health issues, and racial trauma. Additional clinical specialties include trauma nightmares, insomnia, sleep, and anxiety. Dr. Hall-Clark also practices privately at InSight Psychology and Behavioral Health Services in Pflugerville, TX.

*Dr. Brittany Hall Clark has no conflicts of interest to disclose.*

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## Agenda

2:00 pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks
2:05 pm	Define racial stress and trauma
2:15 pm	Clinical applications (Assessment & diagnosis)
2:35 pm	Practice assessment of RST
2:45 pm	Resources
2:50 pm	Q&A and Closing Remarks