



Assessment Skills Lab 2:

Empowering Informed Choices: Introducing PTSD Treatment Options through the Shared Decision-Making Model

Course Information Document

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

Instructional Level: Introductory

Course Description:

This course will educate clinicians in introducing PTSD treatment options through the Shared Decision Making model. Learners focus on facilitating discussions that explore the potential benefits and drawbacks of engaging in specific evidence-based treatments for PTSD or alternative treatment approaches. By practicing the skills of sharing information transparently and ethically, you will help clients make informed choices about their PTSD treatment.

Learning Objectives:

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

1. Develop the ability to share comprehensive information about all available EBTs for PTSD that a client could potentially engage.
2. Facilitate shared decision-making conversations.
3. Describe ethical considerations, potential consequences, drawbacks, and alternative options, all while respecting a client's autonomy and informed decision-making.

Primary Goal: After completion of this skills lab, mental health providers will be able to effectively assist and support clients in shared decision making in PTSD treatment options.

Date and Time: March 27, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. CST

Duration: 1 hour

Where: Zoom

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

Meet the Presenters

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to treat PTSD and substance use disorders.

Amber Alsobrooks has no conflicts of interest

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Agenda

12:00 pm – 12:05 pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks
12:05 pm – 12:10 pm	Introducing PTSD treatment options to individuals
12:10 pm – 12:15 pm	Generating collaborative discussion of treatment goals
12:15 pm – 12:20 pm	Guiding informed decision making in line with individual's goals
12:20 pm – 12:35 pm	Role-Play Break-out Session
12:35 pm – 12:50 pm	Switch Roles (Role-Play continued)
12:50 pm – 1:00 pm	Q&A and Closing Remarks