



CPT Skills Lab: Essential Socratic Questioning for ABC Worksheets

Course Information Document

Target Audience: Mental health providers

Instructional Level: Introductory

Course Description:

Core skills taught in Cognitive Processing Therapy are differentiating situations, thoughts, and emotions and exploring thoughts that may not be accurate or helpful. The ABC Worksheet is the first tool taught in Cognitive Processing Therapy to build this key skillset. When clients complete ABC Worksheets, it can be unclear how best to proceed and on which areas to focus. This Skills Lab will involve a brief overview of the ABC process, demonstration, and then time to practice reviewing ABC Worksheets and beginning to explore key beliefs. This workshop will also introduce Socratic questioning, examples of how it can be used to explore common beliefs and stuck points about trauma, and how it can be used in the process of completing ABC worksheets.

Learning Objectives:

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

1. Describe the purpose of using ABC Worksheets in CPT
2. Demonstrate reviewing an ABC worksheet with a client.
3. Practice using Socratic questioning to explore common types of trauma-related stuck points

Date: February 26, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM EST
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM CST
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM PST

Duration: 1.0 hours

Where: Zoom

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

Meet the Presenters

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Amber Alsobrooks, M.S., M.A., is a licensed psychological associate (LPA), PTSD expert provider, and Cognitive Processing Therapy Consultant at STRONG STAR Training Initiative at UT Health San Antonio. Ms. Alsobrooks focuses on clinician training and technical assistance for agencies seeking to implement evidenced-based treatments for PTSD and suicide prevention. She also works as a clinical research therapist and interventionist for the Durham VA Health Care System and the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University School of Medicine. In these roles, her work centers on advancing behavioral health technologies and therapies to improve outcomes for Veterans with PTSD and substance use disorders.

Disclaimer: The Presenter does not have any conflicts of interest.

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Elisa Medellin, LPC, is a Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor (LPC-S) at UT Health San Antonio, within the Department of Psychiatry, working with the STRONG STAR Consortium and Training Initiative. She graduated summa cum laude with a BA in Psychology and an MA in Clinical Psychology from St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

Her professional journey began in research, focusing on implementing behavioral interventions for individuals with severe mental illnesses, aiming to help them lead productive lives.

Driven by a desire for direct clinical care, Ms. Medellin pursued LPC licensure. Her clinical expertise expanded to include working with survivors of sexual assault and minors affected by sex trafficking, which deepened her commitment to treating Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).



Through the STRONG STAR Training Initiative, she became certified in both Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) and Prolonged Exposure (PE), which are considered gold-standard treatments for PTSD. She has implemented these evidence-based treatments in a community mental health setting.

Currently, Ms. Medellin serves as a study therapist, aiding veterans in overcoming PTSD, and as a consultant supporting clinicians and trainees in delivering evidence-based PTSD treatments.

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Cancellation is not required. For additional information, please contact the STRONG STAR Training Initiative at admin@strongstartraining.org

Agenda

All times are in Central Standard Time.

12:00 PM	Welcome and Opening Remarks
12:05 PM	Review of ABC worksheets
12:15 PM	Demonstration
12:25 PM	Role-Play Break-out Session
12:50 PM	Q&A and Closing Remarks