

Treating Returning Veterans and Families, Part 2

1. Defining a New Age for Veterans Care

Register for a FREE mixed-media online course today. Excellent information, videos, and resources for professional development and continuing education (3-CEUs). Free Training: The National Association of Social Workers-California is offering a free online training course titled "***Defining A New Age of Veteran Care.***" The course addresses specific issues facing Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, introduces social workers and mental health practitioners with a general working knowledge of social and psychological issues that affect these veterans. It consists of two 60-minute video segments, a glossary of military terms and pages of web resources. For more information go to http://www.socialworkweb.com/nasw/choose/details.cfm?course_number=1274

2. **Another Kind of Valor**, 1 a powerful new DVD/CD Learning System, is designed to address the needs of VA, law enforcement, homeless shelters, hospital emergency rooms, family members, and professionals trained to assist emotionally damaged veterans returning to civilian life. Through nine compelling docudramas it explores the behavioral manifestations of veterans with deep emotional wounds as they battle "their invisible enemy within." Using common tragic scenarios, the series serves as a catalyst for spirited discussion and examination of the mind-altering experiences of our veterans and the therapies available to address those needs.

For more information or to order the training series see <http://www.anotherkindofvalor.org> .

3. **STAR Program**. Three-tiered training program, which includes 1) military culture, 2) problems facing military populations, and 3) is multiple treatment modalities that get more into the specifics of the various EBP for treatment of military populations. See their web site at <http://starproviders.org/>
4. **North Carolina Area Health Education Center AHEConnect**

The North Carolina AHEConnect Learning Management system is sponsored by the North Carolina Area Health Education Center Program and developed by the Greensboro Area Health Education Center.

The NC AHEConnect offers online educational programming in varied formats targeted to the needs of healthcare professionals in all disciplines. AHEConnect also hosts programs developed by qualified subject experts at partner institutions.

The following courses are free and available online at <http://www.aheconnect.com/ahec/> and

- Duke Mental Health Webinar: Effects of War on Military Families
- Treating the Invisible Wounds of War Series: Part 1 – Posttraumatic Stress Disorders
- Treating the Invisible Wounds of War Series: Part 2 – Traumatic Brain Injury
- [Treating the Invisible Wounds of War Series: Part 3 – Issues of Women Returning from Combat](#)
- Recognizing the Signs of TBI During Routine Eye Examinations
- Issues of Women Returning from Combat
- A Primary Care Approach
- Treating the Invisible Wounds of War (Spanish Edition)

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5. Community Provider Toolkit: Working Together to Serve Veterans

This site features key tools to support the mental health services you provide to Veterans. You can find information on connecting with VA, understanding military culture and experience, as well as tools for

working with a variety of mental health conditions (found under Mental Health and Wellness). There are screening tools that you can use Free CME certified series of online trainings to assist clinicians in the diagnosis and treatment of the silent wounds of war. Includes Military Culture and Mini-Clinics.
<http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/communityproviders/>

6. US Department of Veterans Affairs: <http://www.va.gov/vetsinworkplace/support.asp>;
http://www.va.gov/vetsinworkplace/mil_culture.asp
7. DoD/VA Military Culture course at: <http://www.health.mil/courses.aspx> . Select "Military Culture Training for Health Care Professionals" from the drop-down box. Please note that for the time being non-VA participants must print out and email the end of course evaluation to the VA to receive CE credits, instructions and the email address are on the website.
8. <http://www.cwla.org/military-family/> Child Welfare League of America

How to Obtain the Military Family Specialist Certificate

Candidates for the Military Family Specialist certificate must complete six required and two elective courses. The program is designed to be flexible in meeting the needs of practicing professionals by offering on-line courses and in-person seminars. Each course provides the opportunity to earn CEU credits. A total of 97 CEU credits are needed to obtain the certificate. Holders of the Military Family Specialist Certificate are expected to complete a refresher course every three years to maintain the Certificate.

The courses provided in the Military Family Specialist Certificate program are also available to individuals interested in learning about working with current and former military members and their families without pursuing the certificate. Participants may register for one or more of the required or elective courses described below without committing to pursue the certificate. The required courses are listed at the web page above.

9. Serving Our Veterans Behavioral Health Certificate

The Military has its own culture — this certificate prepares you to serve them. The Serving Our Veterans Behavioral Health Certificate offers 14 self-paced online courses that are based on real-life cases and provide applicable knowledge and skills for providers to help Veterans and their families build a framework of resiliency for mental health challenges or reintegration difficulties. The curriculum is based on the latest evidence and clinical practice guidelines developed by the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs for treating conditions such as posttraumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, addictions, and depression..

The online courses are developed by the Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) at the Uniformed Services University, U.S. Department of Defense and Essential Learning — the largest provider of e-learning services to behavioral health, mental health, substance abuse, addiction treatment, community health, developmental disability, community action, and child welfare service organizations nationwide. The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare has joined partnered with CDP and Essential Learning to broaden the impact of this curriculum so that professionals across the country can benefit. Earn 20+ hours of continuing education for only \$350.

Here are the courses you will take:

- Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD in Veterans and Military Personnel
- Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence
- Epidemiology of PTSD in Military Personnel and Veterans

- Fundamentals of Traumatic Brain Injury
- Improving Substance Abuse Treatment Compliance
- Meeting the Behavioral Health Needs of Returning Veterans
- Military Cultural Competence
- Overview of Suicide Prevention
- Prolonged Exposure Therapy for PTSD for Veterans and Military Service Personnel
- Provider Resiliency and Self-Care: An Ethical Issue
- PTSD Then and Now, There and Here
- The Impact of Deployment and Combat Stress on Families and Children:
 - Part I: Understanding Military Families and the Deployment Cycle
 - Part II: Enhancing the Resilience of Military Families
- Working with the Homeless: An Overview

http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/curriculum_and_courses

10. Social Work and Service Members: Joining Forces to Support Veterans and Military Families
Key Social Work Commitments Include:

Free Online 5-course Training Module

- Community Resources for the Military and Veteran Population (Rafiq Raza, MSW)
- Service Members and Veterans in Treatment: Evidence-Based Interventions (Dwayne L. Buckingham, PhD, LCSW)
- Military Sexual Trauma: Responding to Active-Duty Service Members and Veterans (Terri Spahr Nelson, MSSW, LISW, ACSW)
- Social Work with Children in Military Families (Julie Canfield, PhD, LICSW)
- Military Culture (Adriana Rodriguez, LCSW and Rebecca Andersen, MS)

Professional Credentials for Social Workers

- Military Service Member and Veteran Family—Social Worker
- Military Service Member and Veteran Family—Advanced Social Worker
- Military Service Member and Veteran Family—Clinical Social Worker Find it at <https://www.socialworkers.org/military.asp>