



# **Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT)**

23-24 June, 2025

A Live, Interactive Webinar

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## **Description:**

This intensive 2-day module provides training in CPT, an evidence-based treatment for PTSD. It presents theory underlying CPT, a brief overview of CPT's empirical support, and step-by-step instructions in CPT protocol techniques. Throughout the workshop strategies for conceptualizing and dealing with co morbidity, managing avoidance, and keeping patients optimally engaged are provided. Video clips of expert therapists demonstrate CPT skills, and participants are asked to do role-plays and other assignments to learn concepts and practice skills. Attendance on both days is required. Participants must acquire a copy of Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD: A Comprehensive Manual by Resick et al., 2024 (2nd Edition) prior to the workshop. (Weinstein, et al., 2022; Peterson, et al., 2022; LoSavio, et al., 2023)

Total CE Credits: 14

Total Contact Hours: 14

## **Learning Objectives:**

Following the training, attendees will be able to:

1. Analyze symptoms of PTSD through the lens of CPT theory.
2. Evaluate the empirical evidence of CPT's effectiveness in reducing PTSD.
3. Appraise methods of assessing CPT treatment effectiveness.
4. Apply the CPT standard protocol to individual patients diagnosed with PTSD.
5. Use appropriate CPT practice assignments for effective PTSD treatment.
6. Distinguish between the two primary types of emotions.
7. Formulate appropriate goals for CPT treatment.
8. Evaluate treatment compliance during CPT.
9. Explain the concept of stuck points.
10. Differentiate between the five trauma themes.
11. Use Socratic Dialogue with CPT clients.

**Target Audience:** For behavioral health providers who treat military personnel, veterans, and their families.



**Instructional Content Level:** Intermediate

**Agenda:**

<b>CPT Agenda</b>		
<b>Day One</b>		
Check-in	8:45 AM	9:00 AM
Introduction & Course Overview	9:00 AM	9:15 AM
Introduction to CPT	9:15 AM	10:45 AM
Functional Model of PTSD & Theoretical Underpinnings		
<i>Includes 15 Minute Break</i>	10:45 AM	12:00 PM
Phase I CPT: Pre-treatment	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Lunch Break	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Phase II CPT: Education: PTSD, thoughts & emotions	2:00 PM	3:30 PM
Session 1		
Session 2		
<i>Includes 15 Minute Break</i>	3:30 PM	4:30 PM
Session 3	4:30 PM	5:30 PM
<b>Day Two</b>		
Check-in	8:45 AM	9:00 AM
Welcome back: Homework review & questions	9:00 AM	9:15 AM
Phase III CPT: Processing the trauma		
Session 4	9:15 AM	11:00 AM
Session 5		
<i>Includes 15 Minute Break</i>	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
Phase IV CPT: Learning to challenge		
Sessions 6 & 7	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Lunch Break	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Phase V CPT: Trauma themes		
Sessions 8 & 9	2:00 PM	3:30 PM
Session 10		
<i>Includes 15 Minute Break</i>		
Session 11	3:30 PM	5:30 PM



Phase VI CPT: Facing the future		
Session 12		

**Continuing Education:**

**Course Completion Requirements:** Participants are required to attend the entire training. Partial credits cannot be issued. Attendance is taken through the use of electronic logs, and a post-training evaluation form must be completed in order to receive ACE social work CE credits. For other CE credits, completion of the evaluation is strongly encouraged, but if you do not wish to complete the evaluation, please contact the training event's POC after the training event.

There is a 30-day time limit post-training to complete all CE requirements. CE Credit Certificates will be awarded via CE21 within 30 days after all course requirements have been completed.

**American Psychological Association Sponsor Approval:**

The Center for Deployment Psychology is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Center for Deployment Psychology maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

**Association of Social Work Boards Approved Continuing Education Provider Approval:**

The Center for Deployment Psychology, #1761, is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved as ACE providers. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. The Center for Deployment Psychology maintains responsibility for this course. ACE provider approval period: May 19, 2022 – May 19, 2025. Social workers completing this course receive 14 Live, Interactive Webinar continuing education credits.

**New York State Education Department's State Board for Psychology Provider Approval:**

The Center for Deployment Psychology is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Psychology as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychologists (#PSY-0178).

**New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work Provider Approval:**

The Center for Deployment Psychology is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers (#SW-0744).

Inquiries regarding CE credits may be directed via email to William Tiwari at [william.tiwari.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:william.tiwari.ctr@usuhs.edu).

**Participate:**



**Online Platform:** SecondLife

**Date:** 23-24 June, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 am – 5:30 pm Eastern

**Registration Information:** <https://deploymentpsych.org/training>

**Registration Deadline:** Registration will close one week prior to the class start date

**Cancellations/Questions:** Please contact [william.tiwari.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:william.tiwari.ctr@usuhs.edu) if you have any questions or need to cancel your registration.

**Registration Cost/Refunds:** This training is free for those with a .mil email address and \$45.00 for all others. Registration fees will be refunded to participants who send a written cancellation via email to [william.tiwari.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:william.tiwari.ctr@usuhs.edu) no less than 2 weeks before the training. No refunds will be made after the training.

#### **Required Materials:**

Participants must acquire a copy of Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD: A Comprehensive Manual by Resick et al., 2024 (2nd Edition) prior to the workshop. This manual can be found online and at many retail booksellers.

**Location Information:** SecondLife.

**Instructional Format:** This live webinar is fully interactive. Attendees may ask and answer questions throughout the presentation and participate in instructor-led discussions.

#### **System Requirements:**

##### **Second Life:**

- High-speed Internet connection, Cable or DSL
- Operating System: Windows 8, 10 or higher, Mac OS X 10.9 or higher
- Hardware: 2 Ghz processor or higher, 1GB RAM or higher
- Graphics Card: Windows - NVIDIA GeForce 6600 or better OR ATI Radeon 9500 or better OR Intel 945 chipset, Mac - ATI Radeon 9200 and above OR NVIDIA GeForce 2, GeForce 4

**Special Accommodations:** If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact William Tiwari at [william.tiwari.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:william.tiwari.ctr@usuhs.edu) 4 weeks prior to the training so that we may provide you with appropriate service.

**Grievances:** For any grievances or concerns with this training including those related to course content, non-receipt of certificate or other occurrences, participants may contact CDP's Continuing Education Director, Amanda Stanley-Hulsey at [amanda.stanley-hulsey.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:amanda.stanley-hulsey.ctr@usuhs.edu).

#### **Instructor Biographies:**



**Carin M. Lefkowitz, Psy.D.**, is a clinical psychologist and Senior Military Behavioral Health Psychologist at the Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Lefkowitz earned her M.A. and Psy.D. in clinical psychology at Widener University, with a concentration in cognitive-behavioral therapy.

Prior to joining the CDP, she served as a psychologist at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center. In this capacity she provided individual and group psychotherapy with a focus on evidence-based treatments for PTSD and insomnia. She also served as a clinical supervisor to Vet Center clinicians, and psychology interns and practicum students at the Medical Center. Dr. Lefkowitz was a therapist on studies of evidence-based treatments for insomnia and traumatic nightmares, and coordinated the Medical Center's Cognitive Processing Therapy program.

Dr. Lefkowitz has published peer reviewed articles on prolonged exposure treatment for PTSD and innovative training options in sleep disorders. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medical and Clinical Psychology at USUHS and maintains an adjunct instructor appointment with the Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology at Widener University. She was previously an adjunct instructor in Chestnut Hill College's graduate psychology program and a Clinical Associate of the University of Pennsylvania's department of psychiatry.

**Debra Nofziger, Psy.D.**, is a Senior Military Behavioral Health Psychologist and certified Cognitive Processing Therapy Trainer with the Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. She develops, maintains, and conducts virtual and in-person training related to military deployments, culture, posttraumatic stress, and other psychological and medical conditions Service members and Veterans experience. She also supports research and other CDP programs aimed at enhancing military behavioral science and supporting providers. From 2007 to mid-2020, Dr. Nofziger served as the CDP Military Internship Behavioral Health Psychologist at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) in San Antonio, TX. She assisted with managing multiple behavioral health training programs, including the Clinical Psychology Internship Program, Psychology Residency, Social Work Internship Program, and multiple post-doctoral psychology fellowships.

Dr. Nofziger was an active duty Army psychologist with assignments at BAMC and the U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine. She was also deployed for a year to Iraq as a Brigade Psychologist with the 4th Infantry Division. Her variety of Active Duty assignments included positions as a staff psychologist in medical settings, at a community behavioral health clinic for soldiers in training, and in an aviation school environment where she was the training director for the Army's Aeromedical Psychology Training Course.

Dr. Nofziger earned her masters and doctorate degrees from Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield, Missouri. Her interests continue to be providing support to Service members, Veterans and their families through the training of military and civilian medical and behavioral health providers. Her particular interest areas are in the treatment of trauma and moral injury.

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