



# Assessing Military Clients for Trauma and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

August 28, 2025

A Live, Interactive Webinar

## **Description:**

This workshop will review a method for screening, assessment, and treatment outcome monitoring of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) centered on the use of the PTSD Checklist for DSM-5 (PCL-5). Participants will be introduced to VA/DOD best practices for diagnosing military-related PTSD including screening for trauma-related disorders, obtaining thorough military and trauma histories, conducting a semi-structured diagnostic interview, and using self-report measures to track treatment outcome. DSM-5 diagnostic criteria for PTSD as well as Other Unspecified Specified Trauma and/or Stressor-Related Disorders are reviewed. Tools for assessing PTSD and common comorbid conditions are discussed including appropriate use of the PCL-5, Life Events Checklist for DSM-5 (LEC-5), Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9), and Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test-Consumption Questions (AUDIT-C). Semi-structured clinical interviewing techniques are reviewed and then practiced by participants for the intended purposes of screening, diagnostic assessment, and tracking treatment outcome. Unique variables that can impact the assessment and feedback process with a military population are identified. Role-plays and demonstrations will be used to help develop participants' PTSD assessment skills.

Total CE Credits: 4

Total Contact Hours: 4

## **Learning Objectives:**

Following the training, attendees will be able to:

1. Apply the VA/DOD Guidelines for the Assessment of Trauma and PTSD.
2. Discriminate between symptoms of PTSD and other disorders based on the DSM-5.
3. Integrate appropriate measures into the screening, diagnostic assessment, and tracking of treatment outcomes in PTSD patients

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

**Instructional Content Level:** Intermediate

## **Agenda:**

10:00 am – 10:10 am



Welcome and Introductions

10:10 am - 11:00 am

Section 1: Assessing Trauma History

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Section 2: Screening for Trauma

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm

Break

12:15 pm – 1:10 pm

Section 3: Assessing Symptom of PTSD with a Clinical Interview

1:10 pm – 2:00 pm

Section 4: Providing Feedback and Treatment Planning

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Closing, Q & A

**\*\*Four hours of instruction time with a 15-minute break**

### **Continuing Education:**

**Course Completion Requirements:** Participants are required to attend the entire training. Non-instructional time includes a 15-minute break. 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 accessible 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 4 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 Aric Bowie at [aric.bowie.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:aric.bowie.ctr@usuhs.edu).

**Participate:**

Online Platform: Zoom

**Date:** 8/28/25

**Time:** 10:00 am – 2:15 pm Eastern

**Registration Information:** Registration will be held via CE21, and can be found here:

<https://deploymentpsych.ce21.com/item/assessing-military-clients-trauma-posttraumatic-stress-disorder-132044>

**Registration Deadline:** Registration will close one hour before event start time.

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

**Registration Cost/Refunds:** Price \$25

Registration fees will be refunded to participants who send a written cancellation via email to [aric.bowie.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:aric.bowie.ctr@usuhs.edu) no less than 2 weeks before the training. No refunds will be made after the training.

**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:**

**Zoom:**

- Internet connection
- Operating System: Windows 7 or higher, Mac OS X with MacOS 10.9 or higher
- Web Browser: Internet Explorer 11+, Edge 12+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+, Safari 7+
- Hardware: 1Ghz processor or higher

**Special Accommodations:** If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Aric Bowie, at [aric.bowie.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:aric.bowie.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, Ms. Amanda Stanley-Hulsey, via email at [amanda.stanley-hulsey.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:amanda.stanley-hulsey.ctr@usuhs.edu).

**Instructor Biographies:**

**Kevin M. Holloway, Ph.D.,** is a licensed clinical psychologist working as Director, Online Training, Technology, and Telehealth (OT3) at the Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) and Assistant Professor of Medical and Clinical



Psychology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. In this capacity, he leads a team of subject matter experts and support staff to develop and present workshops across the world to military and civilian audiences on topics in deployment behavioral health and evidence-based therapies for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Additionally, he leads a team of mental health subject matter experts and technology experts to develop and disseminate technology solutions to improve access to and quality of professional training. This team was recognized as Gold Medal winners in the International Serious Play Awards 2019 for Operation AVATAR, Bronze Medal winners in the International Serious Play Awards 2020 for Build a Bedroom, and Gold Medal Award for Second Life Island for Preventing Suicide (SLIPS) in 2023, all interactive provider training environments in Second Life.

Dr. Holloway received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Brigham Young University in 2004, and completed his doctoral internship at the Portland, Oregon Veterans Administration hospital.

Prior to joining CDP, Dr. Holloway worked at the Department of Defense's National Center for Telehealth and Technology, where he led the Center's Virtual Worlds Program which explored the use of shared virtual environments for immersive, interactive patient education, provider training, and telemental health applications. The program was recognized as a Computerworld Honors Laureate in 2012 for the T2 Virtual PTSD Experience. Dr. Holloway also led or contributed to projects investigating virtual reality exposure (VRE) therapy to treat PTSD, training providers in using VRE, gaming motivation for health applications, and video teleconferencing for telemental health.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Holloway was a staff psychologist at Madigan Army Medical Center, providing care to active-duty soldiers with an emphasis on combat-related PTSD and other anxiety disorders.

**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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