# SBIRT for Health and Behavioral Health Professionals: How to Talk to Patients about Substance Use On-line Course

#### Overview

Substance use is prevalent among patients, but how exactly should a health professional address it? SBIRT (screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment) is a public health approach to identify and intervene early with individuals who are using drugs and alcohol in unhealthy ways, and to assist individuals who might have a substance use disorder to access specialty care. This online course invites participants to take part in a new employee orientation on SBIRT at Midtown Healthcare Center, an urban-serving primary care clinic. In addition to dialogue among the staff about addressing substance use in a primary care setting, learners will watch video demonstrations of brief interventions performed by other Midtown Healthcare Center clinicians and even practice themselves with a virtual patient.

#### **Successful Completion**

This course offers up to 4 nursing contact hours. To receive contact hours, participants must submit a completed evaluation and request for credit form, and complete the course with a satisfactory grade of 80% or higher on all module quizzes. CNE, CE, and non-CE Certificates of Completion are available immediately for electronic download upon satisfactory completion of the course. CHES certificates will be emailed within 4 weeks of submitting the evaluation.

### **Objectives**

- Explain the SBIRT process and the value of this evidence-based practice.
- Perform pre-and full-screening for substance use and determine a patient's level of risk.
- Demonstrate the four steps of a brief intervention using the spirit of Motivational Interviewing.
- Examine strategies for effectively referring patients to specialty treatment for substance use disorders when appropriate.

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