

Understanding Substance Use Disorders E-Learning Course

Overview

This 2-hour self-paced course provides a science-based introduction to substance use, substance use disorders (SUDs), and SUD treatment. This course was designed to give a broad introduction to SUDs to those without formal training in the topic. It is also a useful refresher for those with gaps in their knowledge of the current language and science associated with substance use disorders, treatment, and recovery. The course is available on www.healthknowledge.org.

Successful Completion

This course offers up to 2.0 contact hours for participants. 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. NASW, NAADAC and NBCC Certificates and Certificates of Completion are available immediately for electronic download upon satisfactory completion of the course. CHES Certificates will be emailed approximately 4 – 6 weeks after satisfactory completion of the course.

Objectives

Each lesson has learning objectives:

Lesson 1

By the end of the lesson you will be able to:

1. Identify the main reasons people start using substances.
2. Recognize the effects of the most common categories of drugs.
3. Describe how substance use disorders (SUDs) are treated differently from other chronic diseases.
4. Distinguish person/people-first language from problem-first language.

Lesson 2: Continuum of Use

By the end of the lesson you will be able to:

1. Identify and describe the points along the substance use continuum.
2. Assess if drinking habits fall within the recommended low-risk drinking limits.
3. Recognize the DSM-5 diagnostic criteria for SUD.
4. Describe general patterns of substance use in the US by age and substance.

Lesson 3: A Brain Disease

By the end of the lesson you will be able to:

1. Identify ways continued substance use changes the brain's structure and functions.
2. Describe how substance use disorders (SUDs) are similar to other chronic diseases.
3. Identify major risk factors for development of an SUD.
4. Describe the relationship between age of first use and the development of an SUD.

Lesson 4: A Public Health Approach

By the end of the lesson you will be able to:

1. List public health approaches that respond to points on the substance use continuum.
2. Describe the components of early intervention (SBIRT).
3. Recognize common myths about addiction.
4. Identify the frequently used methods of treatment.
5. Recognize medications typically used in medication-assisted treatment (MAT).

Conflict of Interest

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National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

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NAADAC

This course has been approved by the Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network Coordinating Office, as a NAADAC Approved Education Provider, for 2.0 CE(s). NAADAC Provider #64973, UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies, is responsible for all aspects of its programming.”

Enduring Materials – Contact hours will be awarded for this program through January 31, 2025.

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