



**Department of Veterans Affairs, Employee Education System**  
and  
**The National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (NC-PTSD)**

Present

## **Assessment and Treatment of Sleep Problems in PTSD - Background**

*VA TMS Item # 23490/ 14.EL.MA.PTSDSLEEP1.A*

**Program Release:** March 15, 2015 **Program Expiration:** March 15, 2018

### **Place**

Your computer work station.

### **Purpose Statement**

The National Center for PTSD acknowledges that one of the most common presenting complaints in those with PTSD is sleep disturbance. Problems with sleep may lead to further exacerbation of PTSD and other comorbid symptoms. Despite the growing recognition that sleep disturbances are one of the most common detrimental components of PTSD, many providers are not well educated on effective protocols for improving sleep. This knowledge-based course focuses on the current evidence-based practices used to assess and treat sleep problems in Veterans with PTSD. Information covered during this course includes: a brief background on sleep stages, sleep regulation/processes, and how insomnia develops; the importance of treating sleep problems and sleep complaints associated with PTSD; a review of pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatment strategies for patients with sleep disturbances and PTSD; and identification and treatment of other possible sleep disorders that may affect those with PTSD.

The goals of this course are to address this practice gap by:

- a) Providing information on pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatment interventions available for Veterans with their PTSD-related sleep problems.
- b) Highlighting the innovative ways certain interventions can be implemented via groups and telehealth technology.

### **Target Audience**

Psychiatrists, psychologists, pharmacists, social workers, and advanced practice nurses as well as other mental health providers involved with treating patients with PTSD.

## Outcome/Objectives

At the conclusion of this educational program, learners will be able to:

1. list the reasons to treat sleep problems such as insomnia and other sleep disorders;
2. identify types of sleep problems associated with PTSD;
3. list the four stages of sleep;
4. describe the two-process model of sleep regulation;
5. explain the 3-P model of insomnia development and sustainment; and
6. identify pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatment options for sleep disorders likely to affect Veterans with PTSD.

## Registration / Participation in the Activity Procedure

1. Length of course: One hour
2. Review EES Program Brochure
3. Attend and participate in 100% of program activity
4. Complete Post Test Exam at a minimum passing score of 80%
5. Complete Program Evaluation **no later than** 4/15/2018.

## Asynchronous Activity

*Instructions to complete this web based activity:*

1. Log into TMS.
2. Locate the TMS Item Number 23490 using the search function.
3. Participant must view and participate in all the course modules
4. Complete and pass with 80% or better the course posttest
5. Complete SEES evaluation in TMS in order to receive continuing education credits.  
The TMS direct link to the course is: insert link)

## Instructions for Completing Evaluation in TMS to Access Accredited Certificate

**Please note: Program evaluations must be completed within 30 days of the conclusion of the program in order to receive a program certificate**

1. Log in to TMS.
2. If you **have not registered** for the course:
  - a. Contact the EES POC listed in this brochure to be registered.
3. If you **have registered** for the course:
  - a. Use the To-Do List search field in the upper left portion of your To-Do List to locate the item number.
4. Hover over the title and click “View Details.”
5. In the Item Details screen, click the link Start Course button.
6. Once content is completed, close the window.
7. Click “Return to Online Content Structure.”
8. Click the “Link to Evaluation and Certificate.” **\*Be sure you have completed all the content objects listed before attempting to access the evaluation.** \*Note: If you don’t see the new window, check behind other open windows.
9. Complete the SEES Evaluation. Once submitted, close the window.
10. Click “Return to Online Content Structure.”
11. There should now be a date next to both links in the Online Content Structure window.

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12. Some courses require a Self-Certification to record completion. If there is a Self-Certification link present, click the link and follow the instructions given. You have now completed your requirements for this course, and the item should be located in your Completed Work.

*ACPE considers credit as a statement of credit instead of a certificate of credit*

To access your **Accredited** certificate in TMS, please follow the steps below:

1. From the Home screen in TMS, click on “Completed Work.”
2. Hover the mouse over the title of the program, and click “View Details” in the popup window that appears. DO NOT click on the “Print Certificate” here – this will give you the generic TMS certificate.
3. In the Completed Work Details screen, you should see a section named “Accreditation Details.”
4. Click the “Print Accredited Certificate” button next to your requested Accreditation.

Your Accredited certificate should appear on the screen for you to save or print.

### Accreditation/Approval

The accreditation organizations for this course are listed below.

#### *Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)*

The VA Employee Education System is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

#### *American Psychological Association (APA)*



The VA Employee Education System (EES) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Employee Education System maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

#### *American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)*

VHA Employee Education System is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

*Note: ANCC continuing nursing education contact hours are not accepted by the California Board of Registered Nursing (CA BRN) toward license renewal for CA-licensed registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice nurses (APNs), unless the CA-licensed nurse-participants are physically outside of the state of CA when they start and complete activities sponsored by an ANCC accredited provider of continuing education for nurses.*

### ***Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)***

*Due to recently enacted legislation, NY licensed social workers are not eligible to use ASWB-accredited continuing education to meet future licensure requirements. Courses that are not specifically designated for continuing education by the New York State Office of the Professions, State Board for Social Work will not be accepted to renew licensure. Social workers licensed in NY may not use continuing education credit from this activity to meet licensure requirements. Please contact your state licensing board (website: [www.op.nysed.gov/prof/sw/](http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/sw/), or phone: 518-473-1426) for additional information.*

*Due to recently enacted legislation, NJ licensed social workers are only eligible to use ASWB-accredited continuing education to meet licensure requirements when an activity has been pre-approved by ASWB/NJ State Board for Social Work Examiners. This activity has not been pre-approved by ASWB/NJ State Board for Social Work Examiners; therefore, social workers licensed in NJ may not use continuing education credit from this activity to meet licensure requirements. Please contact your state licensing board (website: <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/social/>, phone: 973-504-6495) for additional information.*

### ***National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)***



The Veterans Affairs Employee Education System is an NBCC-Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP™) Provider #5927 and may offer NBCC-approved clock hours for events that meet NBCC requirements. The ACEP solely is responsible for all aspects of the program.

## **Designation of Continuing Education**

### ***Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)***

The VA Employee Education System designates this enduring material for a maximum of 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*™. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This course provides *Category 1 AMA Physicians Recognition Award*™ CME credit (ACCME) for physicians. **ACCME – NP (or ACCME-Non-Physician)** may be used to provide attendees other than MDs, DOs a certificate that documents their attendance, and indicates that the accredited provider offered *Category 1 AMA Physicians Recognition Award*™ CME credit for the course or activity. ACCME – Non-Physician refers to nurses, physician assistants, and healthcare professionals other than physicians.

### ***American Psychological Association (APA)***



As an organization approved by the American Psychological Association, the Employee Education System (EES) is sponsoring this activity for 1 hour(s) of continuing education credit. The Employee Education System maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

### ***American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)***

VHA Employee Education System designates this educational activity for 1 contact hours in continuing nursing education.

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### ***Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)***

The VA Employee Education System, Provider Number 1040, is approved as a provider for continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards, 400 South Ridge Parkway, Suite B, Culpeper, VA 22701. <http://www.aswb.org> ASWB Approval Period: 4/7/13 - 4/7/16. Social workers should contact their regulatory board to determine course approval.

Social workers will receive 1 continuing education clock hours in participating in this course.

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### ***The California Board of Behavioral Sciences (CA BBS)***

The Veterans Affairs Employee Education System (Provider #PCE3204) asserts that this educational activity meets the qualifications for 1 hour of continuing education credit for Marriage and Family Therapist MFTs and / or for LCSWs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences.



**Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)**



The VA Employee Education System is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education Program <<Enter UAN number>>. This program is accredited for 1 contact hour. The Employee Education System maintains responsibility for the program. Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) credits will be awarded to participants and accreditation records will be on file at the Employee Education System. In order to receive continuing pharmacy education credit, participants must attend 100% of the program and complete an evaluation form. CPE will be reported directly to participants’ NABP e-Profiles and State Boards.

**National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)**



The Veterans Affairs Employee Education System is an NBCC-Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEPTM) Provider #5927 and designates this approved activity for 1 clock hour.

**Statement of Participation**

A certificate of completion will be awarded to participants and accreditation records will be on file at the Employee Education System. In order to receive a certificate of completion from EES, you must register in the TMS, attend 100% of the program and complete the evaluation as directed in SEES, and then: go into your Completed Work, hover over the title, and choose View Details to print your accredited certificate. For ACPE accreditation, participants must provide their Birthdates (month and date) and their NABP e-Profile ID numbers in their Personal Profiles in TMS.

**Report of Training**

It is the program participant’s responsibility to ensure that this training is documented in the appropriate location according to his/her locally prescribed process.

**Program Schedule**

Minutes	Content	Exam
70 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction</li> <li>- Why Do We Treat Sleep Problems</li> <li>- Major Types of Sleep Complaints Associated with PTSD</li> <li>- Background on Sleep</li> <li>- Other Possible Sleep Disorders of PTSD Patients</li> <li>- Main Approaches for Treatment of Sleep Problems Associated with PTSD</li> <li>- Knowledge Check</li> </ul>	Yes



**Faculty and Planning Committee Listing**

\* Denote planning committee member

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### **Deadline Date**

This program will no longer be authorized for continuing education credit after: **4/15/2018**. Information on participation may be obtained from Martin Oexner, Project Manager, Employee Education Resource Center, St Louis Employee Education Resource Center, 1 Jefferson Barracks Drive, Bldg 2, St Louis MO 63125, phone: 314-894-6452, or e-mail: [Martin.Oexner@va.gov](mailto:Martin.Oexner@va.gov).

### **Cancellation Policy**

Those individuals who have been accepted to attend and need to cancel: log into TMS, hover over the registered title and withdraw themselves at least two weeks prior to the program.

### **Accessibility Statement: (Reasonable Accommodation)**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (Employee Education System) is committed to providing equal access to this meeting (or event) for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, please contact Martin Oexner, Project Manager, Employee Education Resource Center, Employee Education Resource Center, 1 Jefferson Barracks Drive, Bldg 2, St Louis, MO 63125, phone: 314-894-6452, or e-mail: [martin.oexner@va.gov](mailto:martin.oexner@va.gov) with your request.



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