



JOINT PROGRAMS IN SOCIAL WORK



UNCG and NCAT Joint Programs in Social Work HRSA OWEPE Scholars Inaugural Virtual Opioid & Other Substance Use Disorders National Conference: Advancing Racial Equity, Inclusive Practices, and Cultural Humility among Future Behavioral Health Practitioners

Feb 23-24, 2022 \ 1-4 pm

Program Overview and Objectives

This two-day virtual conference, hosted by the UNCG and NCAT Joint Programs in Social Work funded through the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) Opioid Workforce Education Program, will offer students, behavioral health and substance use professionals, field instructors, and community partners opportunities to learn from experts in the field of substance use prevention, treatment and recovery from a cultural humility and racial equity lens.

Presentations will include engaging, evidence informed, and practical information on topics related to racial equity, inclusive practices, cultural humility, and social justice; faith-based and harm reduction models, reproductive health; as well as approaches for supporting specific communities including adolescents, college students, older adults, and LGBTQIA+ individuals.

The conference is designed to give attendees information that can immediately be adapted and applied to improve health outcomes for patients and families.

Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:

- Discuss health and treatment disparities for individuals seeking treatment and recovery services for opioid and/or other substance use disorders with a focus on racial equity.
- Explain the importance of using inclusive practices and cultural humility by behavioral health and substance use professionals serving individuals experiencing opioid use and other substance use disorders.
- Describe non-traditional, as well as evidence informed, approaches for supporting specific communities including adolescents, college students, older adults, and LGBTQIA+ individuals.

Who Should Participate

This program will be beneficial to future behavioral health practitioners, social workers, social services personnel, substance use counselors, behavioral health faculty, administrators, and clinicians including psychologists, therapists and all others interested in this topic.

As part of our commitment to diversity and inclusion, the Northwest AHEC provides compassionate education and respectful care for all, regardless of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, language, nationality, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, geography, disability and age.

Jointly provided by the UNC and NCAT Joint Programs in Social Work HRSA OWEPE Scholars and Northwest Area Health Education Center (AHEC), a program of Wake Forest School of Medicine and a part of the North Carolina AHEC System.

This program is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Agenda

February 23, 2022

- 1:00 pm Overview - Danielle C. Swick, PhD, MSW and Yarneccia D. Dyson, PhD, MSW
- 1:05 pm Opening Plenary: The Importance of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Behavioral Health
– Victor Armstrong, MSW
- 1:50 pm Break
- 2:00 pm Breakout Session 1
- A. Changing “No” to Know: Learning to Address Substance Use with Today’s Adolescents
– Ryan Estes, MSW, MBA, LCSW, LCAS, CCS
 - B. Equity, Inclusivity, and Cultural Relevance: College Students with Substance Use Disorders
– Domnique Clemmons-James, PhD, LCMHC, CRC, BCB
 - C. Opioid Data Driven Responses and Innovative Approaches: Challenges and Collaborative Strategies
– Suk-hee Kim, PhD, COI, MSW
 - D. Substance Use Disorders: A Social Justice Lens to Understanding Disparities and Building Equity – Haner Hernández, PhD, CPS, CADCI, LADCI
- 2:50 pm Guided Stretch Break – Nichol Walters
- 3:00 pm Breakout Session 2
- A. Advancing Racial Equity and Cultural Humility: Behavioral Health and Medical Care Practitioners Interfacing with Drug Users – Dinah Ortiz and Tina Reynolds, MSW
 - B. Reproductive Harm Reduction: The NarcoFeminism Storyshare Approach
– Tracy Nichols, PhD and Louise Vincent, MPH
 - C. Suffering in Silence: Black, Gay, and Addicted to Opiates – Jerry St. Louis, LGSW, Doctoral Candidate
- 3:50 pm Closing Remarks - Danielle C. Swick, PhD, MSW
- 4:00 pm Adjourn

February 24, 2022

- 1:00 pm Overview - Danielle C. Swick, PhD, MSW
- 1:05 pm Student Panel
- 1:50 pm If Not Now, When? Delivering Inclusive Integrated Care – Monica Williams, Harrison, MSW, LCSW
- 2:30 pm Guided Stretch Break - Johnette Walser, MSW, LCSWA, RYT-200
- 2:45 pm Closing Keynote: Harm Reduction Programming: A Vital Part of the Recovery Continuum
- Minister Michelle Mathis
- 3:45 pm Closing Remarks - Danielle C. Swick, PhD, MSW and Yarneccia D. Dyson, PhD, MSW

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Credits

- 5.5 Contact Hours from Northwest AHEC
- Northwest AHEC is recognized by the North Carolina Psychology Board as an approved provider of (Category A) Continuing Education for North Carolina Licensed Psychologists. This program will provide 5.5 contact hours of (Category A) continuing education for North Carolina psychologists. No partial credit will be given.
- Application has been submitted for 5.5 contact hours of Substance Abuse Specific credit from the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board.
- This program does not provide specific NBCC Credits. However, per LCMHC licensure guidelines, you may submit up to 15 contact hours of continuing education by attending programs by affiliates of the National Area Health Education Center Organization (NAO). Northwest AHEC is a member of the NAO.
- Credit will be awarded based on participant selection at time of registration. Before selecting credits, please review our general [Credit Glossary](#) but note not all programs offer all credits.
- Criteria for successful completion requires attendance for at least 90% of the activity and submission of the evaluation. Please see attendance standards ([link](#)) for other details.

Registration

First 300 registrants are free! After that, \$10 per registration for the next 30 participants, then \$25 for all others.

Registration fee includes administrative costs, instructional materials and certificate of completion.

Register and pay online at www.nwahec.org/66990. Payment by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, and American Express) or WFBMC internal transfer accepted online. Personal check, corporate check, money order by mail.

Payment Policy—Payment is required on or before entrance into any Northwest AHEC activity. If a corporate payment has not been received prior to the activity start date, you will be required to provide a personal credit card or check. If and when the corporate payment is received, Northwest AHEC will issue a full refund based on your original form of payment. To avoid personal payment, you should check with the financial staff at your organization to determine status of payment.

Refund Policy—Cancellations received in our office at least two weeks (14 business days) before the activity will receive a 100 percent refund. Registrants cancelling between two weeks and two full business days prior to the first day of the event will be refunded at 70% of the registration fee subject to a minimum \$25 cancellation fee. The registration fee will not be refunded if a cancellation is received less than two days before the activity. Cancellations must be in writing (email). You may send a substitute in your place.

When planning for an educational activity, registration fees are not based on credit hours or agenda. Registration fees are based on expenses such as equipment, technology services, staff, etc., and are not adjusted by issues such as cancellation of speakers or other unforeseen circumstances. Every effort will be given to ensure the activity is a success.

For questions and special needs: We want to assure that all participants can benefit from our program. If you need auxiliary aids or special services to attend this program, please call Michelle Adams at least five working days prior to the program at 336-713-7726.

Note— Registering for and attending this program authorizes Northwest AHEC/Wake Forest School of Medicine to take pictures to be used for the Center's publications, website (including social media sites) and presentations. If you do not wish to be photographed, you may opt out of photographs the day of the activity.

For More Information or Assistance

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Register online at nwahec.org