# Pain Killers: Opioids and the Brain

#### DESCRIPTION

The one hour webinar will cover the current opioid crisis, with a focus on how opioid analgesics cause pain relief as well as dependence and addiction. By the end of eth webinar, attendees will be able to assess which prescription opioids would be best suited for acute versus chronic pain management, how opioids cause changes in pain receptors in the nervous system, which opioids have a high likelihood of abuse, and what medications are available for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD).

# OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this program, the participant should be able to:

- 1. Discuss the opioid epidemic and the consequences associated with opioid use.
- Review the pharmacology of prescription and nonprescription opioid analgesics (relative potency, time to onset of effect, duration of activity, available formulations).
- 3. Evaluate various options for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD).

### TARGET AUDIENCE

Advanced Practice Nurses, Counselors/Therapists, Nurses, Physician Assistants, Physicians, Social Workers, and any other interested healthcare professional.

#### FEE

Free to all Participants

#### CREDIT

**AHEC:** This program is approved for 0.1 CEU's (1.0 clock hour) by Pee Dee AHEC and meets SC AHEC Best Practice Standards.

**Counselors and Therapists:** This program is approved for 1.0 hour of continuing education credit. The South Carolina AHEC system is recognized as a permanent sponsor of continuing education by the South Carolina Board of Examiners of Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists. {Provider number is #65}

**Nursing:** Pee Dee Area Health Education Center is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the South Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This nursing continuing education awards 1.0 contact hour upon successful completion.

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**Social Workers:** Pee Dee AHEC, as part of the SC AHEC System, is an approved provider of CE for social workers. This social work program is approved for 1.0 hour of non-social work credit.

Successful completion of the program requires attendance for 90 percent of the program and a completed online evaluation by the participant within 10 calendar days of the program date. A certificate of completion will not be made available to you if the evaluation is not completed within this timeframe. No partial credit available.

# INSTRUCTOR

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