



Alcohol Impacts in South Carolina - The Epidemic Under the Radar

ONLINE COURSE



COURSE DESCRIPTION



This program provides information on the impact of alcohol use and misuse related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Resources and aid available for healthcare professionals, those working in helping professions, and patients are discussed.

REGISTRATION + ACCESS



Free to All Participants, but registration is required. To register, visit: scahec.net/learn

LEARNING OBJECTIVES



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

- Identify the diagnosis and facts about Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD).
- Discuss the impact of Alcohol Use Disorder.
- Describe potential risks of increased use related to COVID-19.
- Discuss insights from professional counselors related to screening and treatment of AUD.
- Identify the relationship of alcohol and self-care deficits in helping professionals, as well as the impact of underage alcohol use in SC.
- Identify SC Hopes as a resource and referral entity for mental health and addictions related issues.



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INSTRUCTORS



Benjamin Barth is the Clinical Director of Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County. Benjamin has been working in the field of alcohol and drug counseling since 2012 and specializes in working with those who suffer with substance use disorders, trauma, and child/adolescent related populations.

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Lamar Suber is the current Program Manager for Co-Occurring programs within the SC Dept of Mental Health and the SC Dept of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. He's also involved in numerous joint projects between the two agencies, including The SC Hopes Project. Lamar has been involved in the Mental Health and Addictions fields for 10 years.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT



Licensed Nurses: Upstate AHEC is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Upon successful completion of this program, attendees will receive **1.5** contact hours. www.nursecredentialing.org/accreditation.aspx

Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists: This program has been approved for **1.5** hours of continuing education by SC AHEC under its accreditation by the SC Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists.

Licensed Social Workers: This program has been approved for **1.5** clock hours of non-social work continuing education by Upstate AHEC, as part of the SC AHEC system, under its accreditation by the SC Board of Social Work Examiners.

Others: This program is approved for **0.15 CEUs (1.5** clock hours) by Upstate AHEC and meets the SC AHEC Best Practice Standards.

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