

Opioid Use and Opioid Use Disorder 2024-2026

Select any or all of the 3 online self-paced modules available via your computer or mobile device.

Modules are available to view until November 1, 2026.

Program Overview

This activity is targeted to those interested in learning more about best practices for: medication management of opioid use disorder, low barrier care, and the role and scope of the peer support specialist in this area. Information and resources presented are relevant to physicians, advanced practitioners, nurses, community health workers, and others interested in the subject matter.

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Credit

Each single module is approved for the following credits:

- 1.0 Contact Hour from Northwest AHEC
Nurses: This educational activity can be applied toward your continuing competence plan for maintaining your current licensure with the NC Board of Nursing.
- The Wake Forest University School of Medicine designates this enduring content for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™] for each module completed. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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.

Provided by:

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To learn more about each session or to register for individual modules, please click the links below the program objectives.

New Strategies to Reduce Barriers to Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment

Corey Richardson, DHSc, MBA

With a focus on what defines and frames low barrier care, this course reviews the spectrum of opioid use disorder treatment, from harm reduction, low barrier care, to comprehensive integrated care.

Upon completion of the activity, participants should be better able to:

- Define Low Barrier Care.
- Appreciate current challenges to delivering addiction treatment.
- Describe the principles of low barrier opioid use disorder (OUD) care.
- Recognize a framework for best practices in OUD care.
- Summarize the key components of low barrier OUD care.

[Register for this session at www.nwahec.org/74496](http://www.nwahec.org/74496)

New Strategies to Improve Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment Planning

Corey Richardson, DHSc, MBA

Strategies to improve OUD (opioid use disorder) treatment planning are discussed. Review of the overall role and scope of the Peer Support Specialist (PSS) and strategies to minimize and address diversion are highlighted.

Upon completion of the activity, participants should be better able to:

- Describe the peer support specialist and the work they do.
- Appreciate the current need for peer support specialists.
- Identify areas where peer support specialists add value.
- Describe best practices for peer support specialists.
- Recognize the most common types of drug diversion.
- Describe the ways members of health care professions may be involved in diversion.
- Explain practices and principles that can reduce the diversion of prescription drugs.
- Describe the ways stigma can play a role in recognizing and intervening when diversion is suspected.

[Register for this session at www.nwahec.org/74495](http://www.nwahec.org/74495)

MOUD (Medication for Opioid Use Disorder): The Evidence is Compelling!

Eric Morse, MD, DFAPA

This course reviews the differences between Opioid Treatment Programs and Office-Based Opioid Treatment, the impact the opioid epidemic and COVID have had on treatment guidelines, and the strength of evidence behind treatment of the chronic condition that is opioid use disorder.

Upon completion of the activity, participants should be better able to:

- Differentiate between MOUD (Medication for Opioid Use Disorder) and OBOT (Office-Based Opioid Treatment).
- List current pharmacologic options for management of opioid use disorder.
- Appreciate the strength of evidence supporting MOUD such that not offering it borders on malpractice.

[Register for this session at www.nwahec.org/74498](http://www.nwahec.org/74498)

Cost and Registration

\$20 — Registration fee for a single module.

Participants may view any or all of the 3 modules. Participants do not need to view all 3 modules to receive credit.

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

Register and pay online at northwestahec.org or complete and return the attached registration form. Payment by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover) is accepted online. Cash, money order, personal check, corporate check or AHWFB internal transfer is accepted in person or by mail.

Payment Policy: Payment is required on or before entrance into any Northwest AHEC activity. If a corporate payment has not been received before the activity start date, you will be required to provide a personal credit card or check. If and when the corporate payment has been 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 before the event date.

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 five full business days prior to the first day of the event will be refunded at 70 percent 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 five days before the activity. Cancellations must be in writing (email or mail). 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 More Information and Assistance

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Samantha Garvens by email, sagarvens@wakehealth.edu or by phone at 336-713-7754. Any requests for special services or auxiliary aids should be made to Samantha Garvens at least five days prior to the activity.

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Participants may choose any or all modules. Please be sure to indicate which module(s) you would like to attend at \$10 per module.

- \$20 — Registration fee for *individual modules* (Please indicate module(s) below)
 - New Strategies to Reduce Barriers to Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment
 - New Strategies to Improve Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment Planning
 - MOUD (Medication for Opioid Use Disorder): The Evidence is Compelling!

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Registration Form

Last four of your preferred phone number: *required

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Ways to Register:

- ▶ Register online by clicking the following link: www.nwahec.org (recommended)
Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover accepted online only.
- Make check payable to Wake Forest University Health Sciences and mail, with registration form, to:
Wake Forest University School of Medicine / NW AHEC
Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-3311
Attention: Samantha Garvens
- Atrium Health Internal Transfer: _____ Project _____

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- Employer will make payment. Supervisor completes below and emails to sagarvens@wakehealth.edu

Supervisor's Name (Printed)	Signature	Phone
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By signing, I am certifying that agency payment will follow. If you have a balance due and do not attend or send a substitute, you will be invoiced for the full program fee.