

Motivational Interviewing with Veterans, Service Members, and Military-Connected Families



2-hour synchronous distance learning webinar!

In honor of this Veterans Day, we are offering you a FREE workshop on the applications of Motivational Interviewing (MI) in working with veterans, service members and military-connected families. Join Major Kenneth Harris, Captain Idris Usman and MINT Certified Trainer Hillary Logan as we discuss contemporary research and best practices for healthcare professionals who support military service members, veterans, and their families. We will explore important cultural and community considerations, potential challenges and barriers to quality care, mental health challenges and treatment, military-friendly resources, resilience strategies, as well as opportunities for employing MI to effectively engage and support the military community. This training will help you gain a better understanding of Military and Veteran culture and the essential MI tools that promote engagement and change!

Course Objectives

- Identify important cultural considerations for working with military service members, veterans, and their families.
- List three Motivational Interviewing communication tools most relevant in supporting Veterans
- Describe one key point from each of the four elements of the spirit of MI

Course Level

Suitable for learners at all levels, from beginner to advanced.

Instructor(s)

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MAJ Kenneth R. Harris III, is an active-duty Army officer and clinical social worker who began his career as a Cavalry Officer before transitioning to military mental health in 2016. He has served in multiple behavioral health roles supporting service members, veterans, and their families, most recently as the primary behavioral health provider for over 4,500 paratroopers in Poland. Currently, he is the Program Executive Officer and Assistant Professor in the U.S. Army–University of Kentucky MSW program at Fort Sam Houston, with research focused on psychological resilience and wellbeing among military personnel and families.