CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND THE OLDER ADULT

Insight and best practice treatment options for older adults

This program is a New York State approved online course supporting LMSW, LCSW, CASAC renewal requirements and CPP/CPS initial/renewal credentialing requirements.
About the Program
Alcoholism and the misuse of prescription drugs are a life-threatening epidemic in older adults. Symptoms of alcoholism and addiction are often misdiagnosed as stereotypical signs of aging such as dementia, depression, disorientation, forgetfulness or confusion amongst adults 55 years of age and older. This 3-hour online program explores the history of this population and its changes, misrepresentations of the older adult and substance abuse, problems unique to this population and age specific treatment approaches.

Learning Objectives
- Discover clinical tools to successfully work with an overlooked and misdiagnosed population
- Identify the differences between early and late onset addiction
- Best practices for working with a generation that doesn’t believe in “therapy”
- Special needs for recovery within an aging population

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