

Behavioral Activation Strategies Training

About the Training

Behavioral Activation (BA) is a brief evidence-based behavioral intervention for use in primary care, other health care, and community settings. BA teaches patients experiencing depression and/or anxiety a set of skills to re-engage in valued life activities that they once found rewarding and enjoyable, but have abandoned as they developed depression or anxiety.

This introductory training orients licensed and non-licensed clinicians and staff to BA principles and gives the opportunity to gain new skills in behavioral health care that they can apply to a wide spectrum of patients.

Length

Approximately 8-hours of trainee time over the course of four months.

Format

This training is part workshop, part home-study and consists of the following components:

Training Component	Time (per participant)	Includes:
Online Training	3 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-hour self-paced online introduction to brief behavioral interventions 1-hour self-paced online webinar on Behavioral Activation (BA)
Review and Practice Session	2 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoom call with trainer to review didactic content Opportunity to ask questions directly to trainer Opportunity to observe demonstration of BA and to practice key BA strategies
Monthly Case Presentation	3 hours (1 hour per month)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group calls with 6-10 participants Participants present real cases and discuss challenging and complex case presentations

Cost

The BA training costs \$475 per trainee.

Training Completion

Participants who successfully complete all of the training components will receive a certificate demonstrating that they have undergone Behavioral Activation training. Additionally, eligible providers can claim 5 Continuing Education credits.

Intended Audience

- Anyone in a Behavioral Health Care Manager role
- Licensed mental health providers (LICSW, LPC/LMHC, LMFT, PhD, PsyD)
- License-track mental health providers
- Non-licensed BHCM staff who share a role with licensed or license-track providers
- Bachelors-level training in a related field
- Community Health Workers
- Registered Nurses
- Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioners or Physician Assistants

Learning Objectives

By the end of this training, participants should be able to:

- Describe the BA model of depressive symptoms
- Describe how to develop a case formulation for a patient experiencing elevated depressive symptoms
- Apply compilation of rewarding activities list to model cases
- Apply activity scheduling to model cases
- Describe how to evaluate the outcome of patients' efforts and problem solve barriers to action planning

Instructor Credentials

Instructors vary by cohort

- **Patrick J. Raue, PhD:** Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington, and Associate Director for Evidence-Based Psychosocial Interventions at the AIMS Center
- **Annie McGuire, MS, LMHC, MHA:** Clinical Trainer & Practice Coach at the AIMS Center
- **Becky Shermer, PhD:** Clinical Trainer at the AIMS Center
- **Anna Hink, MSW, LICSW:** Clinical Trainer at the AIMS Center

Refund Policy

Refunds may be granted at the AIMS Center's discretion. All refund or cancellation requests must be submitted to bhskills@uw.edu. The AIMS Center will review request and determine the appropriate course of action.

More Information

If you have questions or would like to sign up for Behavioral Activation Strategies training, contact the AIMS Center at bhskills@uw.edu

Continuing Education (CE)

After completing the training, 5 CE credits can be claimed by eligible providers. Credits are earned through the online training and live group webinar; monthly case presentations are not eligible for CE credit.

The AIMS Center is approved by the American Psychological Association (APA) to sponsor CE for psychologists. The AIMS Center maintains responsibility for this program and its content. All training activities are eligible for CE at no additional charge. Check with your licensing board to determine whether APA accredited CE is accepted for your state license. Clinical Social Workers: The University of Washington is recognized by Washington state licensing authority for social workers practicing in the state.

CE Eligible Providers

Psychologists, Licensed Social Workers, Licensed Mental Health Counselors

How to Claim

To receive CE credits, participants must complete the training in its entirety, and receive a minimum score of 75% on the CE quiz. There is no limit on the number of times a quiz can be taken to receive a passing score. The CE certificate will be emailed to the email on record after passing the quiz.

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