

Newsletter for Evidence-Based Behavioral Practice—Summer

Throughout 2009, I have been privileged to Chair the Council for Training in Evidence-Based Behavioral Practice (EBBP). The group has been hard at work creating tools to support learning, teaching, and implementation of EBBP. Here we describe some of the EBBP project's recent accomplishments. In an effort to further disseminate the tools and resources we have compiled, we request that you consider providing a link to the EBBP website on your organization's homepage.



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EBBP Training Modules—Now Available

The interdisciplinary Council for Training in Evidence-Based Behavioral Practice (EBBP), sponsored by National Institutes of Health's Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research (OBSSR), announces the release of a newly redesigned website and training modules at <http://www.ebbp.org>. A goal of the EBBP project is to develop online learning tools to help behavioral practitioners and students integrate research and practice in real-world conditions. Three training modules are currently available: The EBBP Process, Searching for Evidence, and Introduction to Systematic Reviews.

The **EBBP Process** module aims to enhance the skills of behavioral interventionists from a variety of health care disciplines to find, appraise, and apply evidence to improve the health of individuals, communities, and populations.

In **Searching for Evidence**, behavioral health professionals learn about available online resources and develop skills to more effectively search for health care evidence.

In **Systematic Reviews**, evidence-users learn to appraise the quality of systematic reviews, and evidence-synthesizers learn the basic steps in conducting a systematic review.

More Training Modules to Come...

Members of the EBBP Council, in conjunction with other experts, are developing additional training modules. Look for three new modules in the future: Critical Appraisal, Randomized Controlled Trials, and Decision-making.

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Essays by Experts in Evidence-Based Practice

See "Conversations" on the Forum tab of the website for thought-provoking essays by Gordon Guyatt, David Barlow, Myrna Weissman, Enola Proctor, and Pat DeLeon. Please join the dialogue.

Continuing Education Credits

Continuing Education Credits for the training modules will soon be available to practitioners in medicine, nursing, psychology, public health, and social work. Look for them in the near future!!

Teaching EBBP

Instructors who use the modules or other EBBP materials in their courses are invited to share syllabi, conference presentations, and other resources in the new EBBP Teaching Resource Library at <http://ebbp.org/syllabus.php>. We invite your help in expanding the teaching resources currently available.

Graduate students who used the modules have had this to say:

"... highly interactive and more like a guided tour or discussion of sorts, instead of just another literature resource presenting the same information; thus, the viewer learns the information better because he/she is more engaged."

"My second great love of the module is the interactive case features. I really felt this was the greatest benefit of using a program like this. It took what was still only general knowledge and walked you through the application of EBBP, giving it context and utility... Ultimately, I highly praise the module. I felt that it accomplished in a short period of time the task of introducing the EBBP model and process and quickly would move a beginner into using the EBBP model."

The EBBP Council is now in the process of evaluating the modules. If you and your students are interested in partnering with us, please write to the EBBP Coordinators.

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