

Continuing Education with Connection Therapy

Course Title: Adam Magers, MA, LPC Presents Supporting Veterans: The Odyssey of Returning Home

Duration: 2 hours

Cost: \$80

Overview:

A course designed to increase skill and confidence in the mental health treatment of veterans.

Program Details:

This unique program is designed for behavioral health service providers who currently support veterans, and also those who would like to start.

Adam wrote the book, *Odysseus & the Oar: Healing After War and Military Service* (2024) which serves as a guide for veterans, their loved ones, and those who counsel them.

In his book, Adam applies the myth of the *Odyssey* by Homer to the experiences of war veterans. He describes this as the 'archetype of the warrior's return' and shares the ways this timeless story can illuminate paths through the pain of homecoming, in order to offer veterans a new perspective on the journey they have undergone during their service.

The style of support he finds useful, both as a mental health therapist and as a veteran himself, is the meaning-making approach of depth psychology. Traditional treatment modalities often further isolate veterans by treating their experiences as something inaccessible to anyone outside the arena of war. Instead, Adam offers behavioral health specialists the ability to see the stories of veterans in ways that display their commonality with all humans, which has the benefit of enhancing rapport and increasing the confidence that there are possibilities for lasting transformation.

Course Agenda:

- Introductions
- Supporting Veterans: The Odyssey of Returning Home
- Group discussion/Q&A

Learning Objectives:

Participants will increase their competence in the treatment of veterans, which will also increase their confidence.

- Attendees will learn at least two strategies to hear and respond to the veteran's story, in order to improve their confidence in offering services to veterans
- Attendees will gain unique knowledge about how to treat veterans, and will be shown ways to complement and integrate this knowledge with their existing skills

Participants:

This program is designed for behavioral health service providers There are no pre-requisites.

Instructor:

Adam Magers, MA, is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in the State of Missouri.

He serves as the Clinical Manager at *The Battle Within*, a non-profit agency that provides therapeutic programs to veterans, first responders, and frontline medical professionals ; in addition to serving clients in his private practice.

He specializes in working with military members, veterans, and first responders. He served in the US Army as a combat medic during the Iraq War and is the recipient of the Army Commendation Medal with Valor.

He is also the author of a book called *Odysseus & the Oar: Healing After War and Military Service* (2024).

Course Evaluation and Completion:

Participants will be requested to complete a program evaluation, and will also be able to provide their feedback during and after the course. Participants will receive a certificate of completion for 2 hours of continuing education upon completion of a program evaluation.

Additional Notes:

- Course will be conducted via Zoom. Links and access details will be provided upon registration
- A reliable internet connection, and a device with video and audio capabilities are required

Schedule:

Courses are offered regularly as live, virtual events. Please see <https://connection-therapy.com/courses-and-events> for schedule and details. In-person events can be arranged. Please contact: info@connection-therapy.com for more information.