

Tobacco Treatment Specialist – Virtual



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Duquesne University *Tobacco Treatment Specialist* program is a training program that certifies an interdisciplinary audience of healthcare professionals as Tobacco Treatment Specialists (TTS). A TTS is a professional who possesses the skills, knowledge, and training to provide effective, evidence-based interventions for tobacco dependence across a range of intensities and in a variety of settings including but not limited to hospitals, community health centers, HMOs, medical and dental practices, educational settings, social service agencies, tobacco treatment centers, telephone quitlines, and mental health centers. The TTS may engage not only in providing treatment but also in educating others (professionals and patients) about tobacco dependence treatments.

ADVANTAGES OF CERTIFICATION

- Acknowledgement of having acquired a recognized, comprehensive skill set
- Improved employability and career advancement opportunities
- Prestige for certified individuals
- Competitive advantages over non-certified individuals

TOBACCO TREATMENT SPECIALIST (TTS) TRAINING INFORMATION

This training program is nationally accredited by the Council for Tobacco Treatment Training Programs (CTTP). It is an intensive course taught through self-paced online modules focusing on the skills needed to effectively treat tobacco dependence, culminating in a one-day live skills training held on campus. Through the expertise of the course faculty, participants will be guided in using the skills of motivational interviewing, medication management, and other evidence-based strategies to support effective tobacco treatment.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The Duquesne University School of Pharmacy Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training meets all of the requirements set forth in the Clinical Practice Guidelines for Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence as well as the national competencies for Tobacco Treatment Specialists. This program is accredited by the Council for Tobacco Treatment Training Programs (CTTTP).

PRICING

Licensed Healthcare Practitioner: \$625
Duquesne Preceptor/Alumni: \$505
Student: \$445

LOCATION

Offered Virtually

QUESTIONS

For all other questions, please contact
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MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

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This program is limited to the first 40
registered participants.

MEET THE FACULTY

Jamie L. McConaha, Pharm.D., NCCPT, BCACP, CDE – Course Coordinator

Dr. McConaha is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice in the School of Pharmacy. She became certified as a TTS in 2013, and utilizes her skills to aid patients in smoking cessation in her practice within a family medicine practice group. Dr. McConaha has also developed a group smoking cessation class curriculum, which she leads throughout the city of Pittsburgh and surrounding areas.

Suzanne K. Higginbotham, B.S., Pharm.D., BCACP

Dr. Higginbotham is the director of the Center for Pharmacy Care, an ambulatory wellness center located on Duquesne University's campus. Dr. Higginbotham has taught group and individual cessation programs to over 200 patients in her ten years with the university. She works with Allegheny Health Department to offer free classes and cessation tools to patients as well as working with primary care physician groups to aid in cessation with patients.

Christine K. O'Neil, B.S., Pharm.D., BCPS, CGP, FCCP

Dr. O'Neil is a Professor of Pharmacy Practice and the Assistant Dean for Curricular Development & Interprofessional Education in the School of Pharmacy at Duquesne University. She became certified as a TTS in 2015. She has over 20 years of teaching and health education experience in a variety of practice settings from ambulatory to institutional practice and has been facilitating Motivational Interviewing training for over 10 years.

Monica L. Skomo, B.S., Pharm.D., BCACP, TTS

Dr. Skomo is Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Director of Assessment and Educational Strategies in the School of Pharmacy. She has taught tobacco cessation to student pharmacists for over a decade. Dr. Skomo practices in a pharmacist-managed ambulatory care clinic and provides tobacco cessation counseling and services to her patients.

A Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to participants who successfully complete all program components, as well as an evaluation form.

Additional program details and materials will be provided via email upon receipt of completed registration.

For questions on content, certification, or other program-specific material, please contact Dr. Jamie McConaha at mcconahaj@duq.edu.