

2025 Pain Care Skills Training (PCST) & Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Combined Agenda

Battlefield Acupuncture (BFA)

**Presented by: Dr. Arnyce Pock, Ms. Elyse Greenberg, Dr. Gregory Kahl,
Dr. Mylene Huynh, and Ms. Michelle Nordstrom**

Offered: 19 August 2025, 0730–1130 AM ET & 20 August 2025, 1230–1630 PM ET

Location: Partnership for Public Service, 6th Floor – Room 608

**Pre-course documents for the course will be available on the website 1-2 weeks before the course and will require action or you will not be able to attend.*

Course Description: Battlefield Acupuncture (BFA) Training provides military medical personnel with specialized skills in auricular acupuncture for pain management. This precise technique offers rapid pain relief in both acute and chronic cases, with minimal risks. BFA's efficiency makes it ideal for both clinical settings and field operations. **(Note: This is a Basic BFA Course. Completing this course does not qualify participants to instruct others in BFA techniques.)**

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the history of acupuncture and current theories of how battlefield acupuncture works.
2. Appropriately select patients for battlefield acupuncture: Recognize conditions which battlefield acupuncture can treat, identify patients who should not receive battlefield acupuncture, and understand the military-unique implications of acupuncture treatment.
3. Master performance of battlefield acupuncture: Obtain and document informed consent, locate and sequentially needle the battlefield acupuncture points using proper aseptic technique, appreciate the possible complications of battlefield acupuncture and be prepared to manage them, identify, understand, and convey post-procedure instructions and precautions, and demonstrate proper documentation of a battlefield acupuncture treatment.
4. Know how to order battlefield acupuncture supplies.
5. Know how to access acupuncture consultation if needed.

19 August 0730–1130 AM ET:

Instructors: Dr. Arnyce Pock, Ms. Elyse Greenberg, Dr. Gregory Kahl

0730–0740 Welcome and Introductions Instructors and Participates

0740–0920 Didactic Presentation and Hands-On Learning

0920–0935 -----Break-----

0935–1020 Practice

1020–1035 Question and Answers

1035–1100 Written Examination

1100–1130 Certificate Information in Relias (access certificates and letters post-training)

20 August 1230–1630 PM ET

Instructors: Dr. Mylene Huynh and Ms. Michelle Nordstrom

1230–1240 Welcome and Introductions Instructors and Participates

1240–1420 Didactic Presentation and Hands-On Learning

1420–1435 -----Break-----

1435–1520 Practice

1520–1535 Question and Answers

1535–1600 Written Examination

1600–1630 Certificate Information in Relias (access certificates and letters post-training)