

Learning Activity:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	EXPANDED CONTENT OUTLINE
1) By the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to identify and state: (a) the most important concepts related to understanding PTSD, (b) PTSD treatment interventions, (c) factors that may interfere with treating PTSD, and (d) access to care issues for military combat veterans in need of services	(a) address the most important concepts related to understanding PTSD [prevalence and signs and symptoms], (b) PTSD treatment interventions [pre-deployment and post-deployment strategies], (c) factors that may interfere with treating PTSD [barriers to care, treatment retention, co-morbidities, medication adherence and relapse] , and (d) access to care issues for military combat veterans in need of services [diagnosis and treatment disparities].
2) By the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to identify and state at least 2 risks for military combat veterans with untreated or misdiagnosed PTSD.	Military combat veterans with untreated or misdiagnosed PTSD symptoms are at risk for interference with social, physical, and professional functioning. Problems related to non-existent or inadequate PTSD treatment include alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and the breakdown of close personal and professional relationships. In worst case scenarios, individuals exhibiting signs of PTSD may become homeless, susceptible to criminal activity, and suicidal.