

AHEC Veterans Mental Health Project

Postgraduate Institute for Medicine (PIM) Option

If your AHEC is planning to offer the 4-hour curriculum or the 1-hour curriculum as designed and provided in this toolkit, A-TrACC has arranged with the Postgraduate Institute for Medicine (PIM) to offer CE credits for a contracted cost per event. To get started or for more information, please contact Angela Noreen-Meader at PIM (<http://www.pimed.com/>).

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- Please contact PIM at least 6 to 8 weeks before your activity.
- Credits available through PIM include:
 - **ACCME** credit hours for physicians (*Accreditation Counsel for Continuing Medical Education*)
 - **ANCC** contact hours for nurses (*American Nurses Credentialing Center*)
 - **CBBS** credits for social workers, marriage counselors, and family therapists (*California Board for Behavioral Sciences, which is accepted for social workers, marriage counselors, and licensed family therapists in most states. Please check with your local accrediting board to ensure CBBS is applicable toward continuing education credit in your state.*)
- You can choose from the 1-hour approved curriculum or the 4-hour approved curriculum (ONLY). Overall Learning Objectives have already been identified.
- PIM accreditation fee is \$500 for the first activity (either 1-hour or 4-hour). Repeats of the exact same activity are \$250. The 1-hour and 4-hour activities cannot be intermixed as the same activity.
- Individual AHEC centers will sign a Joint Sponsor Agreement with PIM outlining roles, responsibilities, and fees.
- PIM will need to approve each presenter, and collect from each presenter a Conflict of Interest Form (COI) and a CV/resume.
- PIM will provide a check-off list for all invitations/activity announcements, and the onsite handouts/syllabus.
- PIM Evaluations will be done online at CME University (www.cmeuniversity.com), with a pre-set evaluation form; each center will receive summary results of their evaluations and a participant database for those that request credit.
 - **IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** The PIM Evaluation is in addition to 1) the Project Evaluation required by A-TrACC that is completed in paper form at the immediate conclusion of the CE event and 2) the required follow-up evaluation that is done within 30 days of the event with a random sample of 2% of participants.
- Each center is responsible for providing PIM a total registrant list since typically not all participants request credit. This will be needed for PIM's records.
 - **IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** The registrant report for PIM is in addition to the required participant information that will still be reported separately to A-TrACC.
- Centers are responsible for having participants who request CBBS credit (social workers, counselors, therapists) sign-in, and the sign-in sheet must be provided to PIM after the activity.