



## Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training Course Syllabus – Spring 2026

### Course Overview

This course will give providers the motivation, knowledge, and skills to integrate tobacco treatment into their current practices, and to become tobacco prevention and treatment advocates at the regional and state level.

The KU Tobacco Treatment Specialist (KU TTS) training is an online training that will require approximately 14-18 hours to complete and conclude with 8 hours of synchronous, virtual, skills training.

### Course Material Requirements

A computer with a camera and microphone along with internet connection is required to complete the course.

### Minimum Canvas Computer Requirements

*Computer Age: 5 years old or newer is recommended for best results*

*Operating System: Any OS that supports current web browsers (Windows 10/11, latest macOS, etc.*

*Processor: 2GHz or faster (e.g., Intel Core Duo or equivalent)*

*RAM: 1-4GB (4GB is better for video)*

*Internet: At least 512kbps (faster is better for video)*

*Screen Resolution: 1024x600 or higher*

### Recommended Canvas Computer Accessories & Software

*Web Browser: Latest versions of Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Safari (check your institution for specific support)*

*Audio/Video: Webcam, microphone, headphones/speakers for interactive sessions*

*Software: Enable JavaScript & cookies in your browser; Microsoft 365 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) is often needed for assignments*

### Course Information Assistance

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#### **Cancellation, Refund and Drop Policy**

**For Self-pay individuals who withdraw on or before the course start date:** If a self-pay individual withdraws from the course prior to the start date, a full refund of registration fees, less a \$30 administrative fee, will be approved if requested in writing at [jayhawkglobal@ku.edu](mailto:jayhawkglobal@ku.edu).

**For Scholarship recipients who withdraw on or before the course start date:** If a scholarship recipient withdraws from the course prior to the course start date, the student must contact [jayhawkglobal@ku.edu](mailto:jayhawkglobal@ku.edu) and pay the \$30 administrative fee.

The student can reapply for a future course, but a spot and scholarship will not be guaranteed.

***ALL students who have not begun the course after 14 days from course commencement will be automatically dropped from the course.***

After 14 days from course commencement, all Self-pay recipients who drop the course will not receive a refund. After 14 days from course commencement, all Scholarship recipients who drop the course must pay the \$30 administrative fee. The student can reapply to a future course, but a scholarship will not be granted.

#### **Course Grading Overview**

You must obtain a 100% score on each module quiz to advance to the next module. To advance to the next section, you must obtain a score of 75% or greater on each section exam.

Section 5 does not have quizzes at the end of modules. Instead, you must complete computer drawn or handwritten assignments and upload them to advance to the next module. All module quizzes, section exams and assignments will consist of multiple-choice and/or short answer questions. There are no penalties or rewards for completing each section prior to the suggested timeline.

To successfully meet graduation requirements, you must:

- Attend the **MANDATORY** virtual Skills Building Day (8:30 am – 5:00 pm)
- Complete an evaluation
- Score a 75% or greater on your open-book final that covers material from the entire course.

***\*\*If you do not score a 75% or greater on your final exam; you must participate in a one-hour exam review prior to the remediation deadline to meet graduation requirements of the course.***



## Graduation Requirements

**Completion of the TTS pre and posttests:** one attempt each but not part of final grade.

**Module quizzes:** Must pass with 100%; you have unlimited attempts to achieve a 100%.

**Section exams:** Must pass with 75%; you have unlimited attempts to achieve a 75% or greater.

**Skills Building Day:** Mandatory participation; virtual, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (CST).

**Course Evaluation:** Mandatory must be completed by 5:30 pm (CST) on Skills Building Day.

**Final open book exam:** Must pass with 75%; you only have one attempt to score 75%.

**Remediation:** If you do not score at least 75% on your final exam, you must schedule an hour's review before the remediation deadline. Once you have graduated from the course, you will be added to KU Tobacco Treatment Providers Directory.

## Important Course Dates

**Orientation Day:** [Monday, February 9, 2026; 9:00 – 10:00 am \(CST\)](#)

**Course Drop Date:** [Monday, February 23, 2026](#); Student must begin the course on or before this date or you will be dropped

**MANDATORY Skills Building Day:** [Monday, April 27, 2026; 8:30 am – 5:00 pm \(CST\)](#)

**Open-book Exam Due:** [Monday, May 4, 2026; 11:59 pm \(CST\)](#)

**Remediation Deadline:** [Friday, June 5, 2026; 4:30 pm \(CST\)](#)

## Learning Outcomes/Objectives

*By the end of the program the learner will be able to:*

- Provide clear and accurate information about tobacco use, strategies for quitting, the scope of health impact on the population, and the causes and consequences of tobacco use.
- Demonstrate effective application of counseling theories and strategies to establish a collaborative relationship, and to facilitate client involvement in treatment and commitment to change.
- Conduct an assessment interview to obtain comprehensive and accurate data needed for treatment planning.
- Demonstrate the ability to develop an individualized treatment plan using evidence-based treatment strategy.
- Provide clear and accurate information about pharmacotherapy options available and their therapeutic uses.
- Offer methods to reduce relapses and provide ongoing support for tobacco-dependent people.
- Demonstrate competence in working with population subgroups and those who have specific health issues.
- Describe and use methods for tracking individual progress, record keeping, program documentation, and outcome measurement and reporting.
- Consistently use a code of ethics and adhere to government regulations specific to health care or worksite setting.
- Assume responsibility for continued professional development and contributing to the development of others.



### Course Instructors

**Babalola Faseru, MD, MPH, CPH, CPAHA, FSRNT** - Director, KU Tobacco Treatment Education Program, Population Health, Professor, KU School of Medicine, Department of Population Health

**Edward Ellerbeck, MD, MPH** - Professor, KU School of Medicine, Department of Population Health

**Tresza Hutcheson, PhD, MA, NCNTT** - Research Assistant Professor, KU School of Medicine, Department of Population Health

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**Genevieve Casey, MA, NCTTP** - Senior Research Associate, KU School of Medicine, Department of Population Health

**Taneisha Scheuermann, PhD** – Associate Professor, KU School of Medicine, Department of Population Health

**Eleanor Leavens, PhD** – Assistant Professor, KU School of Medicine, Department of Population Health

### Skills Building Day Facilitators

**Genevieve Casey, MA, NCTTP**

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**Brian Hernandez, TTS**

**Nathalia Machado, PhD**

### 2026 Spring TTS Course Timeline\*\*

\*\*This is a suggested timeline so that you complete the course in time to participate in Skills Building Day.

#### Week 0/Orientation Week

**Course begins Monday, February 9, 2026**

Virtual Orientation: 9:00 - 10:00 am (CST) – Zoom appointment will be sent prior to this date

Review the contents of “Start Here” Folder (syllabus and instructor bios)

#### Week 1/Section I

**Starts Monday, February 16, 2026**

*Tobacco Use and Dependence Education*

Introduction Discussion

1.1 History of Tobacco (22:00 minutes)

1.2 Prevalence of Tobacco Use (6:29 minutes)

1.3 Health Impacts of Tobacco Use (28:24 minutes)

1.4 Nature of Dependence (34:47 minutes)



#### 1.5 Vaping and Use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems

Part I (18:02 minutes)

Part II (21:21 minutes)

#### 1.6 Tobacco Treatment Overview (18:31 minutes)

Exam: Section I

### Week 2/Section II

***Starts Monday, February 23, 2026***

*Pharmacotherapy for Tobacco Dependence*

#### 2.1 Pharmacotherapy Overview (13:58 minutes)

#### 2.2 Nicotine replacement

Part I (26:52 minutes)

Part II (30:30 minutes)

#### 2.3 Non-Nicotine Medications (26.16 minutes)

#### 2.4 Combination Pharmacotherapy (9:27 minutes)

#### 2.5 Second-line, Alternative Treatments, and Promising Practices (8:51 minutes)

#### 2.6 Pharmacotherapy: Putting It All Together (27:41 minutes)

Exam: Section II

### Week 3/Section III

***Starts Monday, March 2, 2026***

*Counseling and Behavioral Support for Tobacco Dependence*

#### 3.1 Therapeutic and Theoretical Models of Behavior Change

Part I (26:45 minutes)

Part II (27:08 minutes)

#### 3.2 Building Counseling Skills: Addressing Ambivalence & Increasing Motivation

Part I (37:37 minutes)

Part II (32:39 minutes)

#### 3.3 Building Skills for Quitting Tobacco

Part I (13:05 minutes)

Part I Continued (17:10 minutes)

Part II (28:46 minutes)

#### 3.4 Relapse Prevention

Part I (20:44 minutes)

Part II (19:00 minutes)

#### 3.5 Quitlines, Texting, and Other Behavioral Support

Part I (28:50 minutes)

Part II (33:22 minutes)



3.6 Alternative Treatments for Tobacco (16:24 minutes)  
3.7 Treatment for Vaping, Smokeless, and Other Tobacco Products (20:58 minutes)  
Exam: Section III

#### **Week 4/Section IV**

***Starts Monday, March 9, 2026***

*Tobacco Treatment in Special Populations*

4.0 Introduction to Tobacco Treatment in Special Populations (13:20 minutes)  
4.1 Behavioral Health (32:35 minutes)  
4.2 Healthcare- Special Populations  
    Part I (24:37 minutes)  
    Part II (13:34 minutes)  
4.3 Ethnic and Cultural Considerations (13:29 minutes)  
4.4 Other Considerations (20:09 minutes)  
4.5 Tobacco Use Among Older Adults (7:27 minutes)  
4.6 Pregnancy and Effects on Children (23:41 minutes)  
4.7 Tobacco Use and Vaping Among Youth (28:48 minutes)  
4.8 Vaping Cessation in a School Setting (15:19 minutes)  
Exam: Section IV

#### **Week 5/Section V**

***Starts Monday, March 16, 2026***

*Tobacco Treatment in Practice*

5.0 Introduction to Tobacco Treatment in Practice (8:32 minutes)  
5.1 Identifying Tobacco Users (29:42 minutes)  
5.2 Intake Assessments (22:57 minutes)  
5.3 Treatment Planning  
    Part I (22:23 minutes)  
    Part II (5:33)  
    Part III (17:42 minutes)  
5.4 Providing Follow-up  
    Part I (17:09 minutes)  
    Part I Continued (13:33 minutes)  
    Part II (18:29 minutes)  
5.5 Documentation, Evaluation, and Organizational Change (27:13 minutes)  
5.6 Structuring your Practice (16:20 minutes)



## Week 6/Section VI

**Starts Monday, March 23, 2026**

*Professional Development and Ethics*

- 6.1 Accessing Tools and Resources (34:59 minutes)
- 6.2 Ethical Codes (13:23 minutes)
- 6.3 Billing for Tobacco Treatment (16:26 minutes)
- 6.4 Pathways to National Certification (7:48 minutes)
- 6.5 Advocacy for Organizational and Community Change (16:19 minutes)
- 6.6 Training Others (8:45 minutes)

Exam: Section VI

*If you have followed the timeline above, you will have all 6 sections, including modules and exams completed by Monday, March 30, 2026.*

Prep for Skills Building Day (Resources in Skills Building Day Folder) - **Monday, March 30 – Friday, April 24, 2026**

All course work **MUST** be completed to receive the Zoom link for participation in Skills Building Day.

**MANDATORY**, Virtual Skills Building Day – **Monday, April 27, 2026; 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (CST)**

Course Evaluation Due – **Monday, April 27, 2026; 5:30 pm (CST)**

Tobacco Treatment Specialist Posttest – **Tuesday, April 28, 2026; 5:00 pm**

Final Exam Opens – **Monday, April 27, 2026; 5:30 pm (CST)**

Final Exam Due – **Monday, May 4, 2026; 11:59 pm (CST)**

Remediation Exam retake deadline (those who don't score 75% on first attempt) **Friday, June 5, 2026; 4:30 pm (CST)**

## Continuing Education Credit Information



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#### **KSBN: LPN**

The University of Kansas Medical Center Area Health Education Center East is approved as a provider of CNE by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for 23 contact hours applicable for LPN relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing Provider Number: LT0056-0749. Karen Aufdemberge, RN, BSN, Coordinator.

*\*All other participants will receive a certificate of attendance*



### **Participation requirements for Continuing Education**

To receive continuing education credit or a certificate of attendance participants must fulfill all course requirements including completion of online modules, attendance at a one-day training, and completion of a program evaluation. After all requirements are met, participants will receive instructions regarding completion of documentation and obtaining certificate(s).

### **Disclosure of Financial Relationships**

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- Clinical content was validated by a review of the activity for fair balance and bias, appropriate patient treatment recommendations, and whether scientific studies cited in the activity conform to standards accepted by the scientific community.
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#### **Funding Information**

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