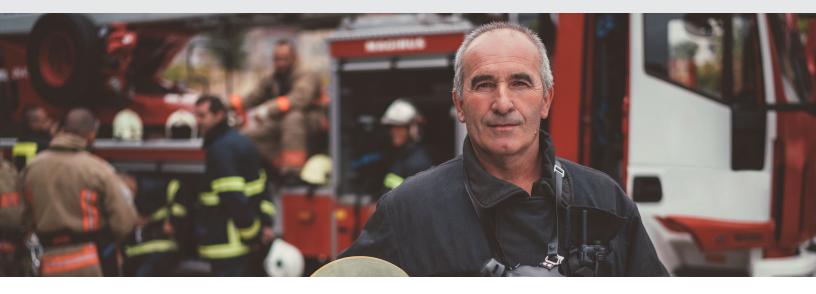
# **Operational Readiness for First Responders: OUD**

Equipping Firefighters, EMTs, Paramedics, & Associated Teams with Practical Skills to Respond to Opioid Use Disorder & Co-occurring Conditions

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# Acquire the Skills and Resources for Confident Crisis Intervention

As a first responder, you're a critical part of the front line in addressing crises involving Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and co-occurring conditions. This course empowers Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Paramedics, Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT), and other front-line professionals, with the skills and knowledge to de-escalate situations, connect individuals to appropriate resources, and work collaboratively to improve outcomes for those in crisis.

#### Four hours, online, self-paced

Learn strategies and gain insights into how multidisciplinary collaboration enhances safety, reduces risks, and fosters better outcomes for individuals, responders, and communities. Prepare your team to act confidently, compassionately, and collaboratively in high-pressure situations, ensuring effective responses to the challenges posed.



#### **Course highlights**

- Foster Multidisciplinary Collaboration: Discover how first responders can work together effectively to respond to OUD crises.
- Enhance Safety & Trust: Use proven de-escalation techniques that prioritize safety for responders and individuals in crisis.
- Develop Real-World Crisis Skills: Apply strategies to confidently handle complex situations involving OUD and co-occurring conditions.
- Strengthen Referral Networks: Build connections with treatment providers, community organizations, and other responders to improve care pathways.
- Reduce Liability & Risk: Gain an understanding of legal considerations and best practices for managing crises safely and ethically.
- Access Valuable Resources: Utilize tools like assessments, workbooks, eBooks, posters, and reference materials to support your response efforts in the field.



#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FOUR MODULES**

Understanding OUD & Co-occurring Conditions

Learn the fundamentals of **Opioid Use Disorder** (OUD) and its connection to mental health disorders. Explore the role of first responders in addressing these crises and understanding the legal rights of individuals.

**Best Practices for Field Collaboration** 

Explore harm reduction strategies and learn how to collaborate as a unified response team with local resources, treatment providers, and community organizations. Learn to build **strong referral networks** to improve outcomes for individuals in crisis.

Recognizing & Responding to OUD

Master verbal and non-verbal de-escalation techniques tailored for multidisciplinary teams. Develop the ability to assess an individual's state and implement strategies that prioritize safety and trust.

Real-World Application & Resource Utilization

Practice what you've learned through scenariobased exercises, addressing crises in public and residential settings. Use the **CARE approach** (Calm, Assess, Respond, Engage) to de-escalate and make effective referrals as part of a multidisciplinary response team.

## Key takeaways: Essential skills and knowledge you'll take into the field

- Multidisciplinary Crisis Response: Learn to work seamlessly with Fire, EMT, Paramedics, CIT team members, and
  other professionals to de-escalate crises and improve outcomes. Leverage each discipline's unique strengths and
  perspectives. Gain insights into how unified collaboration can reduce risks and foster better outcomes for
  individuals and communities.
- The CARE + Collaboration Approach: Apply the CARE framework in real-world scenarios, enhanced by
  multidisciplinary collaboration. Ensure interventions are safe, compassionate, and effective by using shared
  strategies and communication techniques.
- Leverage Referral Networks: Build and strengthen partnerships with treatment providers, mental health, and community resources. Understand how to identify and mobilize the appropriate resources at the right time to support individuals in crisis and improve access to treatment and recovery options.
- Maximize Resources: Gain practical tools and strategies to effectively utilize local and national networks. Learn to
  map out resources, establish partnerships, and create pathways for long-term care and recovery for individuals
  with OUD and co-occurring conditions.
- Legal Awareness & Risk Management: Develop a comprehensive understanding of the legal framework that governs
  crisis response. Learn best practices for minimizing liability, ensuring compliance with protocols, and maintaining
  the ethical standards essential to effective crisis intervention.

## **Enroll Today!**

Prepare your team to respond confidently and collaboratively to opioid and mental health crises. In just four hours, this online, self-paced course will enhance safety, improve outcomes, and strengthen your community relationships.

\$450 each - On completion, participants receive a Seton Hall University Stillman School of Business certificate.