



# University of South Alabama College of Medicine Office of CME



## Activity Front Matter

**Activity Title**

**Agricultural and Rural Friendly Training Designation: 2026 Enduring Material**

**Date(s)**

**March 15, 2026 – December 31, 2028**

**Expiration Date**

**December 31, 2028**

**Review Date**

**March 11, 2026**

**USA Office of CME Contact Information**

For questions about claiming CME credit please contact us at [cme@southalabama.edu](mailto:cme@southalabama.edu).

**Target Audience**

Physicians, nurses, mental healthcare providers, and all others interested in the topics presented.

**Course Description**

This course explores the challenges and opportunities found in rural and agricultural communities as a healthcare provider. Learners will reflect on the influence of implicit bias in healthcare and consider strategies for mitigating bias in underserved communities, and will consider the unique characteristics of rural and agricultural patients and their needs by defining what is meant by a rural or agricultural community. Learners will identify the unique physical and mental health risks that many rural and agricultural patients face, and will consider ways in which they can build rapport with rural patients and support their ongoing healthcare journey.

**Learning Objectives**

1. Define readiness to practice in rural communities.
2. Demonstrate increased knowledge of rural determinants of health.
3. Examine barriers to mental health practice in rural communities.
4. Describe strategies for building rapport with rural communities.

**Agenda**

- Module 1: Understanding Implicit Bias in Healthcare
- Module 2: Understanding Agricultural and Rural Health
- Module 3: Unique Physical Health Risks in Rural Communities
- Module 4: Unique Factors Affecting Mental Health
- Module 5: Breaking the Ice and Building Rapport

**Disclosure**

In accordance with the ACCME Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, it is the policy of the University of South Alabama College of Medicine Office of CME that all individuals in a position to control content of this educational activity disclose all relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies. An ineligible company is defined as an entity whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients.

**Faculty Disclosures**

**Course Director:** Melvin L. Smith has nothing to disclose.

**Course Coordinator:** Candy Brown, CHSP, CHEP has nothing to disclose

**Planning Committee:** Melvin L. Smith, PhD, Candy Brown, CHSP, CHEP, Kim W. Hoover, Maria Roca, MD, Jim Creg all have nothing to disclose.

**Faculty:** David R. Buys, PhD, MSPH, CPH, FGSA and Austin Moore have nothing to disclose.

**Reviewer:** Walker Plash, MD, has nothing to disclose.

The USA Office of CME staff and Advisory Committee have nothing to disclose with the exception of:

Bassam Bassam, MD: Speaker - UCB Pharma; Speaker - Johnson & Johnson; Advisory Board - Amgen Biotechnology.

No relevant financial relationships were identified for any other individuals with the ability to control the content of this activity.

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HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND MITIGATED PRIOR TO THE START OF THIS ACTIVITY.

## Program Fee

Free

## Instructions for Claiming Credit

Learners will login and have access to the modules directory, where you will see the modules and their pages listed like a table of contents. You may access the module by clicking the links. You will work through each module and complete quizzes throughout the activity. Once all modules are complete you will take a course evaluation after which you will be directed to the CME certificate generator to claim your CME credits.

## Internet Browser Minimum Version

You will need a device that can connect to the internet and play sound and video.

- A high-speed broadband internet connection is required.
- Recommended internet speeds include:
- A download speed of at least 25 Mbps.
- An upload speed of at least 3 Mbps.
- A ping response of less than 100ms.

Although you can use a mobile device and app to complete the course, we recommend using a laptop or desktop computer for the optimal experience.

## Copyright

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## Policy on Privacy and Confidentiality

Names or contact information of learners will not be shared with any ineligible company or its agents without the explicit consent of the individual learner.

## Disability Accommodations

The University of South Alabama College of Medicine Office of CME fully complies with the legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the rules and regulations thereof. Participants requiring accommodations should contact [cme@southalabama.edu](mailto:cme@southalabama.edu).

The Canvas platform provides a user experience that is easy, simple, and intuitive. Special attention has been paid to making Canvas screen-readable. The National Federation of the Blind granted Canvas the Gold Level Web Certification in 2010.

## Joint Accreditation Statement



JOINT ACCREDITATION  
INTERPROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by the University of South Alabama College of Medicine Office of CME and Mississippi Hospital Association. The University of South Alabama College of Medicine Office of CME is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.



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## Designation Statements

**IPCE** - This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 5.00 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.



**CME** - The University of South Alabama College of Medicine Office of CME designates this enduring activity for a maximum of 5.00 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



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**APA** - Continuing Education (CE) credits for psychologists are provided through the co-sponsorship of the American Psychological Association (APA) Office of Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP). The APA CEP Office maintains responsibility for the content of the programs. Psychologists may earn up to 5.00 credits.

**ANCC** - The University of South Alabama College of Medicine Office of CME is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Nurses may earn up to 5.00 NCPD contact hours.

**Attendance** - This program is valid for 5.00 continuing education credits.