

# CDC Opioid Modules

## Alternative Assignment

For each topic/module required for this assignment, you may choose to create a power point presentation for each topic/module by using the [CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain-United States, 2016 \(Links to an external site.\)](#) as a reference.

Additionally, if you are unsuccessful in completing a certificate, you may also create a power point (PPT) on that topic to recover those 25 points.

### ***Timeline for Submission & Late Penalties:***

PPTs can only be submitted to recover any given module until **Wednesday 11:59 PM CST** of the week following assignment due date. There will be a 10% penalty per day (every day after original Sunday due date) according to the late policy. After this time, no alternative assignments will be accepted unless there is a previous agreement and arrangement made with faculty prior to original assignment due date.

### ***Power point guidelines to meet:***

- Each topic/module should be clearly defined in your power point submission as to which CDC Module you are covering (Title Slide). You can do this in 5 different power points or by using a new title slide for each module topic. **(2 points for each CDC Module Topic Title Slide)**
- There should be a minimum of 4 slides per module topic NOT including a title or reference slide addressing the key points for each module noted below. **(5 points per slide/key point- total of 20 points per CDC Module/PPT)**
  - Slides or slide notes should have enough information to express your understanding of the topic being presented.
- A reference slide citing the use of the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain-United States, 2016 is required as well as corresponding in-text citations where appropriate. **(3 points for each CDC Module Topic Reference slide)**
  
- **WB2859R: Applying CDC's Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids: Module 2: Treating Chronic Pain without Opioids**
  - Discuss the preferred methods for treating chronic pain and why these are preferred
  - Describe communication techniques that facilitate a patient-centered approach to manage chronic pain
  - Describe risks and benefits of first-line treatments to chronic pain
  - Identify non-opioid medications for various types of chronic pain
  - Identify non-pharmacologic treatment options for various types of chronic pain

- **WB2863:** Applying CDC's Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids: Module 5: Assessing and Addressing Opioid Use Disorder
  - Describe the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5), assessment criteria required for a diagnosis of opioid use disorder (OUD)
  - Describe how OUD is diagnosed and how it can be discussed with patients
  - Describe the types of medications used in medication-assisted treatment (MAT)
  - List patient and provider resources for the treatment of OUD
  
- **WB2864R:** Applying CDC's Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids: Module 4: Reducing the Risks of Opioids
  - Identify situations that can increase risk for harmful outcomes for patients on opioid therapy
  - Explain the range of clinical tools and tests that can provide data to help in risk assessment and clinical decision-making, such as prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) data and urine drug testing (UDT)
  - Describe strategies for mitigating risk in patients taking opioids
  - Identify recommended next steps based on the results of UDT, PDMP data, physical examination, and medical history
  
- **WB2860R:** Applying CDC's Guideline for Prescribing Opioids: Module 7: Determining Whether to Initiate Opioids for Chronic Pain
  - Identify criteria for determining whether to initiate or continue opioid therapy for the treatment of chronic pain
  - Identify known risks and realistic benefits of opioid and nonopioid therapies that should be discussed with patients
  - Apply strategies that improve patient safety when initiating or continuing opioid therapy for chronic pain
  - Identify nonpharmacologic and nonopioid pharmacologic therapies appropriate for treating chronic pain
  
- **WB4359:** Applying CDC's Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids: Module 13: Using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to Promote Patient Safety in Opioid Prescribing and Dispensing
  - Identify benefits associated with using a PDMP, including how they contribute to patient safety
  - Describe strategies for improving patient outcomes when finding concerning information in a PDMP
  - Identify how PDMPs improve coordination of care across healthcare professions
  - Select effective communication techniques to facilitate difficult conversations with patients
  - Identify the potential benefits of integrating the PDMP with electronic health records