Fostering Self-Efficacy in Body and Mind for First-Generation and International Students in Telehealth

Thursday, March 27, 8:15AM — 9:30PM EDT

PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION

This presentation explores strategies to enhance self-efficacy in first-generation and international students through telehealth. These students face challenges like cultural differences, language barriers, and academic pressures that impact their mental health. Attendees will learn how to create a supportive, culturally responsive virtual environment using body-based techniques, mindfulness, and empowerment strategies. Practical interventions and case examples will be provided to build students' confidence and agency in managing their well-being. This session is ideal for mental health professionals working in telehealth, particularly in cross-cultural counseling and student support services.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1. Identify unique mental health challenges faced by first-generation and international students in telehealth, including cultural, linguistic, and academic stressors.
- 2. Demonstrate culturally responsive techniques to enhance self-efficacy in telehealth, such as somatic exercises, mindfulness practices, and narrative interventions.
- 3. Develop practical strategies to create a supportive and empowering virtual environment that promotes agency and confidence in first-generation and international students.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

1.25 ADTA, 1.25 NBCC, 1.25 NYLCAT

PRESENTER INFORMATION



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