



Defense Health Agency, J-7, Continuing Education Program Office

2026 FEB CCSS S05: Beyond the Battlefield: Ethical Frontiers in Operational Medicine

Live Course, February 19, 2026

Continuing Education (CE)/Continuing Medical Education (CME) Information

This CE/CME activity is accredited by the DHA, J-7, Continuing Education Program Office (CEPO). This activity provides continuing education for physicians, nurses, physician associates/physician assistants, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, optometrists, social workers, psychologists, dentists, dental hygienists, dental technicians, athletic trainers, registered dietitians, dietetic technicians, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, certified counselors, kinesiotherapists, and case managers, and healthcare executives. A certificate of attendance is available for other attendees.

2026 FEB CCSS S05: Beyond the Battlefield: Ethical Frontiers in Operational Medicine (1.00 clock hour)

Course Description: This course offers a rigorous examination of the unique ethical challenges faced by medical personnel in operational military settings. Participants will learn to identify and navigate the core ethical tensions that arise when clinical duties intersect with military objectives.

1330 – 1430 (ET)

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify core ethical tensions unique to operational military medicine.
2. Analyze the ethical responsibilities of clinicians in operational clinical scenarios and distinguish medical judgements from command decisions.
3. Apply ethical frameworks to real-world operational dilemmas such as triage and force health protection measures.
4. Evaluate ethically complex operational decisions for their potential downstream effects on patient trust, force readiness, professional integrity, and moral injury among medical personnel.
5. Formulate ethically defensible courses of action and communication strategies that preserve medical professionalism while operating effectively within the military command structure.

Faculty:

Army Maj. Hunter Jackson Smith, MD, MPH, MBE, FACPM. Presenter has no relevant financial or non-financial relationship(s) relating to the course content or with ineligible companies to disclose.

Disclosures:

DHA J-7 staff, planners, authors, faculty, and content reviewers for this educational activity have no relevant financial or non-financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies to disclose.

Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE)



In support of improving patient care, DHA, J-7, CEPO 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. This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 1.00 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credit for learning and change.

Physicians (ACCME)



DHA, J-7, CEPO is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

DHA, J-7, CEPO designated this internet live course for a maximum of 1.00 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses (ANCC)

DHA, J-7, CEPO is accredited by the Joint Accreditation/Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) to provide this Continuing Nursing Education internet live course for a maximum of 1.00 ANCC contact hour. Nurses should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Pharmacists (ACPE)



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No valid paper/electronic statement of credit will be offered. DHA, J-7, CEPO is accredited by the American Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) to provide continuing education for Pharmacists. This knowledge based activity will provide a maximum of 1.00 contact hour of pharmacy continuing education credit. Participant CE records will be electronically communicated to CPE Monitor. There is no cost to participate in this activity.

Pharmacy Technicians (ACPE)



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No valid paper/electronic statement of credit will be offered. DHA, J-7, CEPO is accredited by the American Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) to provide continuing education for Pharmacy Technicians. This knowledge based activity will provide a maximum of 1.00 contact hour of pharmacy continuing education credit. Participant CE records will be electronically communicated to CPE Monitor. There is no cost to participate in this activity.

Physician Associates/Physician Assistants (AAPA) – Live



DHA, J-7, CEPO has been authorized by the American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 1.00 AAPA Category 1 CME credit. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

Optometrists (ARBO/COPE)



DHA, J-7, CEPO designates this synchronous in-person activity for a maximum of 1.00 COPE credit hour.

COPE Course ID #: 102598-PB

COPE Activity/Event #: 132229

Social Workers (ASWB)



As a Jointly Accredited Organization, DHA, J-7, CEPO is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved under this program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. Social workers completing this course receive 1.00 ethics continuing education credit.

Psychologists (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 program. Participants earned 1.00 credit for attending this activity.

Dentists and Allied Dental Staff (ADA CERP)



DHA, J-7, CEPO is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider. ADA CERP is a service of the American Dental Association to assist dental professionals in identifying quality providers of continuing dental education (CDE). ADA CERP does not approve or endorse individual courses or instructors, nor does it imply acceptance of credit hours by boards of dentistry. Concerns or complaints about a CE provider may be directed to the provider or to the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition at ADA.org/CERP.

DHA, J-7, CEPO designates this activity for 1.00 continuing education credit.

Athletic Trainers (BOC)



DHA, J-7, CEPO (BOC AP #: JA4008136) is approved by the Board of Certification, Inc., to provide continuing education to Athletic Trainers (ATs). This program is eligible for a maximum of 1.0 Category A hour/Continuing Education Unit (CEU). ATs should claim only those hours actually spent in the educational program.

Dietitians/Dietetic Technicians (CDR)

The logo for the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) includes the text "Commission on Dietetic Registration" in bold, "the credentialing agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics" in smaller text, and the "eat right." logo.	<p>Completion of this RD/DTR profession-specific or IPCE activity awards CPEUs (1 IPCE credits = 1 CPEU).</p> <p>If the activity is dietetics related but not targeted to RDs or DTRs, CPEUs may be claimed which are commensurate with participation in contact hours (1 hour/60 minutes = 1 CPEU).</p> <p>RDs and DTRs are to select activity type 102 in their Activity Logs.</p>
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DHA, J-7, CEPO is a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Accredited provider with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). CDR Credentialed Practitioners will receive 1.00 Continuing Professional Education unit (CPEU) for completion of this activity/material.

ACCME Non-Physician CME Credit

DHA, J-7, CEPO is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing education. ACCME Non-Physician CME Credit providers will be provided a certificate of participation for educational activities certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™]. ACCME Non-Physician CME Credit providers may receive a maximum of 1.00 hour for completing this internet live course.

Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants (AOTA)



DHA, J-7, CEPO is an American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Approved Provider of professional development (PD). PD activity approval ID# 15234. This distance learning-interactive is offered at 0.1 CEU intermediate, OT service delivery, professional issues, foundational knowledge. AOTA does not endorse specific course content, products, or clinical procedures.

Case Managers (CCMC)



This program has been pre-approved by The Commission for Case Manager Certification (CCMC) to provide continuing education credit to CCM® board certified case managers. The course is approved for up to 1.00 CE contact hour.

Activity Code: C00066141

Approval Number: 260000194

To claim these CEs, log into your CCMC Dashboard at www.ccmcertification.org.

Healthcare Executives (ACHE)

By attending this program offered by DHA, J-7, CEPO, participants may earn up to 1.00 American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Qualified Education Hours toward initial certification or recertification of the Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) designation. Participants in this program who wish to have the continuing education hours applied toward ACHE Qualified Education credit must self-report their participation. To self-report, participants must log into their MyACHE account and select ACHE Qualified Education Credit.

Kinesiotherapists (COPSKT)

Provider# is 21925



This continuing education activity has been accredited by The Council on Professional Standards for Kinesiotherapy (COPSKT) to include 1.00 contact hour/0.1 CEU. DHA, J-7, CEPO accredits enterprise-wide continuing education activities for military and civilian health care professionals. These courses are critical to DHA's goal of providing the best possible quality care to active duty service members, veterans, and their families.

Certified Counselors (NBCC)



DHA, J-7, CEPO has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, **ACEP No. 6955**. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. DHA, J-7, CEPO is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

NBCC Credit Hours: 1.00

If you need special accommodations or have questions, please contact us:

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Other Professionals

All other healthcare professionals completing this CE/CME activity will be issued a Certificate of Attendance indicating participation and the number of hours of CE/CME credit. This may be used for submission to licensing boards for satisfaction of CE/CME requirements.

Commercial Support:

No commercial support was provided for this activity.

Participation Costs:

There is no cost to participate in this activity.

CE/CME Inquiries:

For all CE/CME related inquiries, please contact: dha.ncr.j7.mbx.continuing-education-office@health.mil.

How to Obtain CE/CME Credit:

To receive CE/CME credit, you must complete the program posttest(s) and evaluation(s) before collecting your certificate(s). The posttests and evaluations will be available through 05 March 2026 at 2359 ET at the following URL: www.dhaj7-cepo.com.