



VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

18th Annual Midwest Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse

June 16-17, 2021

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Frequently Asked Questions

When does registration for the Conference open?

Although it can vary, registration for the Conference typically begins in early April of each year.

How much does registration for the Midwest Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse cost?

The cost of the Midwest Conference depends on when attendees register and if they are attending with a scholarship. See the chart below.

| Type of Registration | Early Bird Rate <i>(expires May 25)</i> | Regular Rate <i>(available May 25-June 11)</i> |
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| Two-Day Conference Registration (Scholarship) | \$200 | \$00 |
| Two-Day Conference Registration (Non-Scholarship) | \$225 | \$250 |
| Two-Day Student Registration | \$100 | \$125 |

When is the early bird deadline?

The deadline to register and receive the early bird discount is Friday, May 25. Online registration will close on June 11, 2021.

Will I be required to have any additional software since the conference is virtual?

Yes, we will ask that all participants have at least a free Zoom account. If you already have a paid Zoom account, that will work. You must be able to login to your account. Please make sure the name and email address on your Zoom account match the name and email address you entered on your conference registration. If you need assistance securing a Zoom account or with checking your existing Zoom account for the name and address, click [here](#).

Are scholarships available for attendees?

Yes. Each state in the Conference's recognized five-state region – Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma – typically offer a limited supply of state-sponsored scholarships.



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Contact your state's representative to inquire about the scholarship. For more information, contact Juan Baez at Juan.Baez@ks.gov.

If you are new to the field of disordered gambling (less than three years), you could be chosen to receive the Joanna Franklin Scholarship, which waves the cost of Conference registration. Information about the scholarship can be found at www.mcpgsa.org. To be considered, applications and supporting documents must be received by April 17, 2021.

Will I earn Continuing Education Units by attending the Conference?

The Conference offers multiple Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for professionals working with problem gambling and substance use disorders.

All attendees will be asked to secure a Zoom account. When each attendee enters and exits a meeting Zoom will track the minutes attended. If an attendee attends 90% of the presentation or at least 54 minutes, they will receive credit for their attendance.

After the conference, the conference planners will email an official certificate of attendance to all participants with at least presentation attended. This certificate will be emailed to the email address used on your online registration and will include a list of the presentations attended. Please allow at least two weeks to receive this certificate.

What internet speed and devices do I need to participate in the virtual conference?

- If you can, use a hardwired internet line. This will give you the most stable and reliable internet connection.
- Check your internet speed. You can check your internet speed by visiting <https://speedtest.xfinity.com/>.
- If your connection is slow you may want to consider using an alternate location with better connection to participate in the conference. A slow connection may cause you to be unable to view live video presentations.
- Make sure your device is within range of your router if you are using a wireless internet connection.



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- If you have headphones, or ear buds, use them. They will help you hear the presenter more clearly and reduce background noise and distractions.

I have registered, but I can no longer attend. What is the cancellation policy?

All cancellations must be in writing and postmarked by May 22. Cancellations postmarked prior to May 22 will be refunded less a \$50 processing fee.

Will presentations be recorded and available after the conference?

Yes, conference presentations will be available on a google drive after the conference concludes. Unfortunately, we will be unable to track attendance for any presentations not attended during their designated date and time. These presentations cannot be verified and therefore will not appear on the emailed conference certificate.