

Kelly Peck, PhD Assistant Professor

Kelly Peck, PhD joined the Vermont Center on Behavior and Health faculty in March 2019, after completing his postdoctoral fellowship with Dr. Stacey Sigmon. He is a licensed clinical psychologist and assistant professor with joint appointments in the departments of psychiatry and psychological science at University of Vermont. He is also the director of clinical operations for the University of Vermont Center on Rural Addiction (UVM CORA) which is one of three national Rural Centers of Excellence on Substance Use Disorders. His primary research and clinical interests are two-fold. First, he has conducted research focused on the development and evaluation of novel treatments for opioid use disorder (OUD). Most recently, this has included randomized clinical trials evaluating a novel interim buprenorphine treatment for reducing illicit opioid use and other high-risk behaviors among adults with untreated OUD. Second, he has worked extensively to address co-occurring PTSD in individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs), particularly around the delivery and evaluation of cognitive-behavioral treatments for PTSD. Dr. Peck is currently conducting a randomized clinical trial aimed at developing and evaluating a novel Prolonged Exposure (PE) therapy protocol for improving PE therapy attendance and PTSD symptom severity among individuals with co-occurring PTSD and OUD.