Suicide Prevention is everyone’s business.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SUICIDE PREVENTION ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

Who is the Suicide Prevention Specialist on Your Campus?

For psychologists, social workers, counselors, and those dedicated to or responsible for reducing the incidence of suicide and suicidal behaviors among today’s college-age youth.

10 Continuing Education Credits Available

The Statistics:
- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among youth attending colleges and universities in the U.S.
- 18% of college and university undergraduate students and 15% of graduate students reported having seriously considered attempting suicide across their lifetime.
- 6% and 4%, respectively, reported seriously considering suicide in the past 12 months.

The Facts:
- Counseling service clinicians are the first line of care for students struggling with serious mental health concerns which may entail risk for suicide.
- Counseling clinicians are also frequently in the lead in directing management of campus suicide attempts and campus suicides.

The Reality:
Many counselors have not received training to sufficiently prepare them to adequately intervene with a suicidal student, manage an unfolding crisis or contribute to school suicide postvention activities.

Face the Reality.
Know the Facts.
Beat the Statistics.

College and university campuses are the most accessible point of contact for late adolescents and young adults at risk for suicide, and thus are natural settings for suicide prevention activities. Many colleges and universities have been mandated to create campus-wide suicide prevention programs and many others are doing so in recognition of the impact a student’s suicide has on the college or university, fellow students, professors and staff. And yet, most professionals charged with developing these programs lack sufficient knowledge and/or competencies to design and implement effective programs and best practices.

AAS’s College and University Suicide Prevention Accreditation Program teaches:
- Best and evidence-based suicide prevention practices
- Risk factors and warning signs for college and university students
- How to assess young adults at risk
- Managing confidentiality regulations
- Prevention and postvention principles
- Understanding of self-injury
- How to reintegrate a student after a suicide attempt
- Dealing with traumatic loss
- Contagion and cluster
- Litigation outcomes, and more

Continuing Education

The American Association of Suicidology (AAS) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AAS maintains responsibility for the program and its content.

This program is approved by the National Association of Social Workers (provider #886455354).

American Association of Suicidology is an NBCC-Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP™) and may offer NBCC-approved clock hours for events that meet NBCC requirements. The ACEP solely is responsible for all aspects of the program.

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**What's Involved?**

**Step 1:** Submit the program application and fee* online at www.suicidology.org. You may also print and mail the application along with your payment.

**Step 2:** Once your application is received, we will send you our College and University Suicide Prevention Resource Guide, Recommended Reading List, and Sample Test Questions to guide your preparation for the Accreditation Exam, along with information on how to access the online exam.

**Step 3:** When you feel prepared, register online with AAS to take the web-based College and University Suicide Prevention Accreditation Exam.

**Step 4:** If you pass the exam (and we hope you do!), you will be mailed a certificate attesting to your accreditation by AAS. In addition, you will receive a one-year membership** in AAS, a $160 value, at no additional cost.

If you do not pass the exam, you will have the opportunity to take a parallel form of the exam at no extra cost to you.

**Step 5:** Once you pass, you will receive a password-protected entry into our online community which will give you access to other accredited prevention specialists and subject-matter experts for networking, sharing, Q&A, new resources, and opportunities for ongoing continuing education offered only to accredited specialists.

Your initial accreditation is valid for 3 years. At the end of the accreditation period, renewal without reexamination can be obtained for a fee of $200 and evidence of continuing education in suicidology, suicide prevention, and/or crisis intervention at a minimum of 9 credits over the 3-year period.

Reaccreditation is valid for 4 years with the same ongoing continuing education requirement. If you do not meet these requirements, you must complete the requirements for initial accreditation (fee and examination).

* Fees: $360 for professionals; $260 for graduate students with proof of student status.

** Membership includes a subscription to AAS’s bimonthly, peer-reviewed journal Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior, quarterly issues of the enewsletters Newslink and Surviving Suicide, discounts on registration fees to the AAS annual conference, publications, and other resources, and free fact sheets and annual statistics updates. In addition, after the first year you will receive a 20% discount on membership renewal fees.

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Those who complete the AAS College and University Suicide Prevention Accreditation Program will have the knowledge and skills to:

- Become your campus’s authority on student suicide and suicide prevention.
- Increase your competence and confidence to intervene with a student at risk and to prevent suicide.
- Navigate AAS’s website to access ongoing support and resources for maintaining current knowledge in best practices for campus-based suicide prevention.
- Understand suicide litigation cases and how they may apply to your institution.
- Identify and access continuing education opportunities, web-based networking, and support services.

About AAS

The goal of the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) is to understand and prevent suicide. We accomplish this mission by directing efforts to:

- Advance Suicidology as a science; encouraging, developing and disseminating scholarly work in suicidology.
- Encourage the development and application of strategies that reduce the incidence and prevalence of suicidal behaviors.
- Compile, develop, evaluate and disseminate accurate information about suicidal behaviors to the public.
- Foster the highest possible quality of suicide prevention, intervention and postvention to the public.
- Publicize official AAS positions on issues of public policy relating to suicide.
- Promote research and training in suicidology.

Don’t leave it up to chance. Become your campus’s suicide prevention specialist today!

For more information and to apply online, visit www.suicidology.org, or contact us at 202-237-2280 or info@suicidology.org.

About the Jed Foundation

The Jed Foundation’s mission is to promote emotional health and prevent suicide among college and university students. To achieve this end, the organization collaborates with the public and leaders in higher education, mental health, and research to produce and advance initiatives that:

- Promote awareness and understanding that emotional well-being is achievable, mental illness is treatable and suicide is preventable
- Increase knowledge of the warning signs of suicide & emotional distress
- Foster help-seeking so that those who need supportive services reach out to secure them, or are referred to services by a peer
- Build and strengthen resilience, coping skills and connectedness among young adults, their peers, families and communities
- Facilitate adoption of a comprehensive, community-based approach to promote emotional health and protect at-risk students on campus
- Raise the importance of mental health services, policies and programs in the college selection process of students and parents

www.jedfoundation.org