



Institute for Psychological Advancement

Suicide Assessment: Skills and Considerations

Suicide affects all ages, gender, race, religion, ethnicity, and socio-economic status and rates of attempts and completions are on the rise. It is critical for clinicians to be aware of the common contributing risk factors, warning signs, and protective factors and to also know the action steps and possess the skills for assessing those that are unique to each client.

Learning Objectives:

Upon conclusion of this program, participants should be able to...

1. Describe informed consent practices related to working with suicidal clients
2. List at least two each of common contributing risk factors, warning signs, and protective factors

Learning Level:

Basic

Target Audience:

This training is designed for professional counselors, school counselors, social workers, marital and family therapists, psychologists, addiction counselors, case managers, nurses, and other health care professionals.

Continuing Education:

To obtain the certificate of completion for the 1.25 clock hours (1.5 CE hours) associated with this course, the participant will need to attend the webinar presentation. Attendance will be taken at some point prior to the completion of the presentation. At the end of the program, participants will receive a certificate of completion and optional program evaluation.

The content of this event may meet requirements for most national, state, and local licensing boards and professional organizations. Be sure to print the event description and submit with your certificate of attendance to your professional board for consideration. For rules governing continuing education, participants should contact their respective regulatory boards.

Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board does not require pre-approval of CE programs and does not even offer an approval process for most professions. They will consider CE programs that cover content specific to each profession's practice, skills, ethics, and knowledge. Additional information is provided on their website under each profession, typically in the FAQ sections.

Missouri Division of Professional Registration does not require continuing education providers or programs to be approved prior to the event. They will accept continuing education that is relevant to each profession (i.e. for professional counselors content must be primarily related to counseling, for psychologists content must be mostly psychological, and so on). Additional information is provided on their website.

Suicide Prevention Training Requirement - "HB 1719 was passed during the 2018 legislative session and signed into law. The bill included language that amended section 337.718.1 RSMo requiring certain health care professionals to complete at least two hours of continuing education in suicide assessment, referral, treatment, and management training, as a condition of initial licensure and subsequent to the renewal of the license. The provision goes into effective August 28, 2018." [Missouri Division of Professional Registration](#)

This law applies to professional counselors, bachelor's and master's level social workers, marital and family therapists, psychologists (initial licensure only), and other health care providers. Contact your professional organization for details on your specific licensure.

Licensed professional counselors and are reminded that the effective date of this law means current LPCs must obtain the required two (2) hours of continuing education prior to the expiration date of the license June 30, 2019 and each biennial licensure cycle thereafter. The renewal application will include a question concerning compliance with this provision of the law and licensees must maintain documentation of proof of compliance.

Licensed marital and family therapists are reminded that the effective date of this law means current MFTs must obtain the required two (2) hours of continuing education prior to the expiration date of the license February 20, 2020 and each biennial licensure cycle thereafter. The renewal application will include a question concerning compliance with this provision of the law and licensees must maintain documentation of proof of compliance.

Starting September 30, 2018, the State Committee for Social Workers will require evidence of this training to be included with the initial application for licensure and, beginning with the 2019 renewal period, necessary for license renewal.