

Suicide Prevention Training Evaluation

Minimum standards for suicide prevention training for health care professionals

Final recommendation

- Include on approved (model) list
- Request revisions (See section 5: Revisions)

Reviewer name(s): _____
 Review date: _____

If revisions requested:

Revisions provided-date: _____
 Review Date: _____

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Section 1: Basics

Curriculum title:					
Publisher:					
Training length:	3 hours (y/n)		6 hours (y/n)		other: (list hrs)
Number of sessions to complete training:					
Target profession(s):	All		Specific (list)		
Training modality: (i.e. online, classroom, combination, other: list)					
Attendees (open to all/ employees only)					
Cost					

Yes = Meets Requirements
No = Does Not Meet Requirements

Section 2: Training Delivery

	Yes	No
Profession Specific		
Length appropriate for profession		
Modality appropriate for profession		
Number of sessions appropriate for profession		
Training appropriately accredited for the profession		
Skills practice		
Opportunities for skill practice		

Section 3: Training content

Three Hour and Six Hour Trainings	Yes	No
Based on current research and best practices?		
Sensitivity and relevance to client population?		

Three Hour Trainings	Yes	No
Training totals 3 hours		
Screening for Suicide Risk		
At least 70 minutes on screening for suicide risk		
When and how to screen		
Appropriate screening tools		
Strategies for screening and using information		
Referral		
At least 30 minutes on referral		
Identifying and selecting an appropriate resource		
Best practices for connecting the client/patient to a referral		
Continuity of care		
Additional Requirement for Pharmacist and Dentist Trainings		
Assessment of issues related to imminent harm by lethal means		

Six Hour Trainings	Yes	No
Training totals 6 hours		
Risk Assessment		
At least 90 minutes on suicide risk assessment		
How to structure an assessment interview		
How to understand the level of risk		
Appropriate actions for different levels of risk		
Documentation of risk assessment		

Treatment and Management		
At least 60 minutes on treatment and management		
Available evidence-based treatments		
Safety planning strategies		
Engagement of supportive third parties		
Reducing access to lethal means		
Continuity of care		
Veteran Content		
30 minutes on veteran populations		
Population-specific data		
Population-specific risk and protective factors		
Population-specific intervention strategies		
Risk of imminent harm through self-injurious behaviors or lethal means		
30 minutes on risk of imminent harm through self-injurious behaviors or lethal means		
How to recognize and assess non-suicidal self-injury and other self-injurious behaviors and assess intent		
Common means, including lethality and impulsivity		
Communication strategies with patients and supporters about lethal means		
How screening for and limiting access to lethal means prevents suicide		

Section 4: Training Quality

	Yes	No
Do materials include an evaluation to be returned to the developer or publisher		
Does the trainer or developer have demonstrated knowledge or experience in suicide prevention		
Does the trainer/developer have an active health professional license OR a relevant BA or higher OR 3+ years in suicide prevention training		
Is data current within four years		
Is research referenced current and based on best practices		

Section 5: Revisions

Specific revisions requested: (Section/Standard/ areas of revision or more information needed)