Suicide Prevention and Crisis Intervention in Correctional Facilities Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Criminology	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

Suicide prevention and crisis intervention within correctional facilities is a critical area of focus in criminal justice, mental health, and institutional management. Correctional environments are uniquely high-risk settings, with elevated rates of suicide and mental health crises among inmates due to isolation, trauma, and inadequate access to behavioral healthcare. Training Course on Suicide Prevention & Crisis Intervention in Correctional Facilities is designed to equip correctional staff, mental health professionals, and facility administrators with the necessary knowledge, evidence-based strategies, and tools to identify, manage, and prevent suicide and psychological crises within institutional settings. Emphasis is placed on proactive risk assessment, trauma-informed care, legal responsibilities, and inter-agency collaboration.

This program also integrates trending strategies such as psychological autopsy, behavioral health screenings, and real-time intervention protocols aligned with current standards from the World Health Organization (WHO), National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC), and the American Correctional Association (ACA). Designed using real-world case studies, this course prepares professionals to respond effectively and ethically to emergencies, reduce liability, and foster a safer correctional environment. This course is essential for anyone committed to safeguarding lives and improving mental health outcomes in incarceration settings.

Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

By the end of the training, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze suicide risk factors specific to correctional settings.
2. Identify early warning signs and high-risk behaviors among inmates.
3. Conduct trauma-informed suicide risk assessments.
4. Apply effective suicide prevention protocols and monitoring practices.
5. Evaluate crisis response and intervention strategies.
6. Implement inmate mental health screening upon intake.
7. Recognize staff burnout and its impact on suicide risk management.
8. Develop ethical guidelines for managing suicidal inmates.
9. Integrate postvention strategies after an incident.
10. Collaborate with mental health professionals and legal authorities.
11. Apply de-escalation techniques during psychological emergencies.
12. Monitor high-risk populations including LGBTQ+ and juveniles.
13. Assess facility-wide suicide prevention policies and improve them.

Target Audiences

1. Correctional officers
2. Prison wardens and administrators
3. Mental health counselors in jails/prisons
4. Crisis intervention teams
5. Forensic psychologists and psychiatrists
6. Social workers in correctional environments
7. Public health officials in justice settings
8. Criminal justice educators and trainers

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Course Modules

Module 1: Understanding Suicide in Correctional Settings

- Statistics and suicide trends in correctional facilities
- Psychological impacts of incarceration
- Environmental risk factors
- Mental health disorders among inmates

- Suicide myths and stigma
- **Case Study: Analysis of a high-profile inmate suicide incident**

Module 2: Suicide Risk Assessment Tools & Strategies

- Clinical interviews and psychological screenings
- Suicide risk scales (e.g., Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale)
- Assessing intent and lethality
- Intake assessments and ongoing monitoring
- Documentation and reporting standards
- **Case Study: Suicide risk assessment at inmate intake**

Module 3: Crisis Intervention Models in Correctional Facilities

- Crisis intervention teams (CIT) in prisons
- Stages of crisis and mental health breakdowns
- Immediate response protocols
- Safe intervention without use of force
- Interdisciplinary crisis collaboration
- **Case Study: De-escalating a mental health crisis in segregation**

Module 4: Suicide Prevention Protocols & Policy Implementation

- Suicide watch procedures
- Housing considerations for high-risk inmates
- Monitoring, rounds, and observation techniques
- Reducing means for self-harm
- Policy creation and staff accountability
- **Case Study: Institutional policy reform following inmate suicide**

Module 5: Postvention & Recovery Approaches

- Post-suicide response plans
- Staff and inmate support systems
- Facility reputation and public response
- Documentation and investigative processes
- Psychological autopsies
- **Case Study: Managing staff trauma after a suicide incident**

Module 6: Special Populations & High-Risk Groups

- LGBTQ+ inmates and suicide risk
- Juveniles in adult facilities
- Inmates with severe psychiatric conditions
- Gender-specific considerations
- Culturally competent care
- **Case Study: Intervention strategies for transgender inmates**

Module 7: Staff Mental Health and Resilience

- Impact of inmate suicide on staff morale
- Vicarious trauma and PTSD
- Burnout prevention and resilience training
- Peer support programs
- Mental health support services for correctional staff
- **Case Study: Staff wellness initiative following critical incident**

Module 8: Legal and Ethical Considerations

- Duty of care and liability issues
- Human rights in incarceration settings
- Documentation and legal defense
- Confidentiality vs. risk management
- Compliance with national and international standards
- **Case Study: Legal consequences of neglecting suicide risk**

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and expert-led workshops
- Role-playing scenarios for crisis response
- Group case study analysis and presentations
- Simulation exercises for risk assessment
- Access to digital resources and suicide prevention toolkits
- Pre- and post-assessments to evaluate learning outcomes

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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